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WHERE UNWANTED ITEMS FIND NEW HOMES

FREECYCLE: Mendocino County chapter now 1,000 members strong

By **ROB BURGESS**
The Daily Journal

For about the last two weeks there has been an empty space in the back room of John McKeehan's house on Lorraine Street.

"It was my ex-wife's," he said, pointing to the rectangular spot on the floor where the white carpet was noticeably brighter. "They had some strapping young men to help move it."

Meanwhile, in Redwood Valley, John Widler showed off the newest addition to his home -- an electric organ exactly the same size as McKeehan's blank spot.

"I had to open it up and clean it out," he said. "It's an old-timey one. One of the speakers had been disconnected, so I reconnected that. All the keys work."

The two found each other through The Freecycle Network, a growing Internet phenomenon that joins those who desire free stuff and those who have it.

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Michael Widler and his son Warren play an organ obtained at no cost on Freecycle. Widler's father, John, said his grandson loves the new instrument.

MacLeod Pappidas/The Daily Journal

Trash becomes treasure as Web-based swap program flourishes across nation

By **VICKI SMITH**
Associated Press Writer

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — When Laura Gernell heard about a place where people gave away perfectly good things to strangers — no money changing hands, no questions asked — she figured it was too good to be true.

But husband Ronald had lost his job as a truck driver and she was temporarily unemployed, at home in a rented, unfurnished apartment with her infant son.

With nothing to lose, she joined The Freecycle Network, a Web-based community swap program, and asked if anyone had a sofa to spare.

"I wasn't looking to furnish my whole apartment," says the 32-year-old mom from Marmet, just south of Charleston. "I was just looking for the basics, just something to sit on."

Three people e-mailed with offers, and Gernell used the sofa from that day in 2004 until last

summer, when the springs broke. Today she runs West Virginia's largest Freecycle group, 2,100 members strong and part of a far-flung forum where people can find homes for things they no longer want.

"It just has completely floored me, the generosity of people," says Gernell. "Especially in West Virginia because West Virginia is considered one of the poorest

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Mendocino
County
Freecycle Network



Audio slide show
at ukiahdailyjournal.com



House of
Burgess

A couch today, bookcases tomorrow?

By **ROB BURGESS**
The Daily Journal

As '80s heavy metal band Cinderella once put it: "You don't know what you've got 'til it's gone."

I doubt he was talking about living room seating, but I feel lead singer Tom Keifer's pain.

When my girlfriend Ash and I packed up all our earthly belongings in our Indiana abode before making the trek to Ukiah, we considered whether or not to bring the sturdy

How to sign up

Visit groups.yahoo.com/group/mendocinocountyfreecycle to join. If you don't have a Yahoo! ID, signing up

brown couch that had previously been a staple of our living room for years along for the ride. The decision was made considerably more

for one is required before membership can be approved. Once your account status is confirmed, the e-mail address to send messages to is mendocinocountyfreecycle@yahooogroups.com.

difficult based on the amount of history the small hide-a-bed sofa and I

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N. county schools close due to snow

By **ZACK SAMPSEL**
The Daily Journal

Between one and two inches of snow fell across the north half of Mendocino County Tuesday night, resulting in the closing of Willits and Laytonville schools Wednesday.

According to the National Weather Service in Eureka, the rain and snow fell throughout most of the night across the county with snow accumulations as low as 1,300 feet. Brooktrails and Laytonville received the most accumulation as two inches fell in both areas. Willits' totals were slightly less than two inches.

According to the California Highway Patrol, around 4:30 a.m. snow began to accumulate along the Willits grade. At 5:50 a.m., as the snow continued to fall, Willits schools became the first to cancel classes for the day.

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Water policy extension sought

County Water Agency wants more time for public review of draft

By **BEN BROWN**
The Daily Journal

A new draft policy of the State Water Resources Control Board could have far reaching impacts for land use in Mendocino County if it is approved.

Assembly Bill 2121, the North Coast Instream Flow Policy, passed in 2004, requires the state water board to adopt new principles for the governing of instream flows in Northern California on several rivers, including the Eel River and parts of the Russian.

"The Legislature was concerned about these water bodies," said board spokeswoman Liz Kanter.

Kanter said the policy could give the board a wider oversight of water rights petitions for stock ponds, livestock and domestic use.

"Clearly, it's going to redefine water in Mendocino County," said Roland Sanford, Mendocino County Water Agency

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Children's health insurance veto override effort falls short

Thompson says economic crisis makes the program more critical than ever

The Daily Journal

The second attempt to override President Bush's veto of the bipartisan bill known as the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) failed Wednesday with only 260 members, or 59 percent, of the House of Representatives voting in support of the bill. A two-thirds majority was needed to override the veto.

The SCHIP bill, authored by Rep. John D. Dingell (D-Mich.) and Sen. Hilary Rodham Clinton (D-New York), is a joint state-federal program that subsidizes health coverage for 6.6 million people, who are mostly children, for families that earn too much to qualify for Medicaid, but not enough to afford private coverage.

Throughout California, the coverage provided by SCHIP is known as the Healthy Families program. The SCHIP bill was designed to help provide expanded health care coverage throughout the nation, and specifically

in California the bill was designed to continue expanding the coverage it offers through the Healthy Families program.

Congressman Mike Thompson (D-Napa) voted in favor of the override, and explained the impact to low-income families in California.

"Thousands of families in Northern California are unable to cope with the rising cost of heat, food, gas and health care. And as unemployment in California grows, so does the number of people without health insurance. As our economy worsens, providing

health coverage for the children from the neediest families is more critical than ever," Thompson said.

The bill would have continued coverage for the 6.6 million children currently enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program, including nearly 2,300 children in Mendocino County. It would also have extended coverage to 4 million uninsured children who qualify for the program, but aren't currently enrolled.

In addition, new revisions to the bill included changes requested by Bush after his first veto, such as making sure

the lowest-income children are served first. However, despite these changes, Bush vetoed the bill a second time.

"As our country faces an economic crisis, the president played politics with the health of our neediest children, and too many of my colleagues in Congress followed his lead today," Thompson said. "This bill was crafted by Republicans and Democrats and it is supported by 43 governors and the vast majority of Americans. Had Members of Congress voted in the best interest of their constituents, today's veto override would not have failed."

Freecycle

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Started in 2003, the organization traces its roots to Tucson, Ariz. and now boasts members in more than 75 countries. The Mendocino County Freecycle Network group's membership currently hovers around 1,000 members. Participants in the nonprofit organization are allowed to post a request or an offer for anything, provided no money is exchanged. McKeehan said he tried several other outlets before taking his maiden voyage on the ship Freecycle. "I tried to sell it for 50 bucks and nothing," he said.

Burgess

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have. I still have pictures of my brother Chris and I sitting and playing on it that date back to my earliest conscious memories as a child. Before loading the rented U-Haul for the trip, I had thought I could make it work. My brother and I have been lucky enough to inherit our father's abnormally large bicep muscles, which I affectionately call "The Burgess Bulge." I had counted on my twin pythons to be enough to transport the piece of furniture, but as we hauled one box after another into the waiting vehicle, it became clear it would take more than my matching set of guns to do the job. Ash and I aren't miniscule people, but we are by no means massive either. The prospect of the two of us actually hoisting the monstrosity up a flight of stairs by ourselves without crushing one or both of us was

"Then I went to Craig's List and still nothing. Then I went over to my friend's house and we posted it on Freecycle. A couple of days later they came and picked it up." Widler said that since the instrument's arrival it has earned a special place in the heart of Warren, his grandson. "It's really been great for Warren because he responds really well to sound," he said. "So when we brought this and we first fired it up and started playing, he quit playing with his toys and he came scooting over. He can't reach the pedals -- the hand pedals -- but he can reach the foot pedals. So we set them up with the automatic rhythm. He just pounded on the pedals and he's grinning and having a great time. It's

really been wonderful." Widler, who has been a member of the group for around three years, said he has seen otherwise spendier items traded free of charge on Freecycle. "I've gotten computers, a working VCR -- I also got a piano," he said. "I think it's an excellent thing. I've seen people ask for expensive stuff and people go on there and give it. Don't be afraid to ask." Member William Bacon has taken part in around a dozen exchanges since he joined the site a few years ago. Bacon said his only complaint is the swiftness with which some of the more choice items are taken. "You've got to be on top of it to get some stuff," he said.

"The latest thing that we picked up was an 18-foot-long playground slide that I put in the pond out back. He said he got two or three other responses ahead of mine, but he liked what I was going to do with it the best." Other members, like Gertrude Lynn, provide balance to the operation by living on the opposite end of the spectrum by giving to others almost exclusively. "I mostly give things away," she said. "I'm trying to get rid of some things. Usually you have to go pick things up and I don't drive. I've really enjoyed the people I've met on here." Rob Burgess can be reached at udjrb@pacific.net.

SHERIFF'S REPORTS

The following were compiled from reports prepared by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office:

BOOKED -- Michael James Donahe, 53, of Fort Bragg, was booked into jail on suspicion of arson and disorderly conduct by the Fort Bragg Fire Department at 7:51 a.m. Friday.

BOOKED -- Tasha Marie Ornelas, 21, of Ukiah, was booked into jail on suspicion of grand theft and being under the influence of a controlled substance by the Mendocino County Probation Department at 3:24 p.m. Friday.

BOOKED -- Russell Lynn Lorenz, 40, of Willits, was booked into jail on suspicion of planting or cultivating marijuana and possession of marijuana for sale by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office at 3:51 a.m. Saturday.

BOOKED -- Ann Lee Lorenz, 47, of Willits, was booked into jail on suspicion of planting or cultivating marijuana and possession of marijuana for sale by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office at 4:10 a.m. Saturday.

BOOKED -- Michael James Newbolds, 32, of Ukiah, was booked into jail on suspicion of first-degree burglary, being under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia, violating his parole and a probation violation by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office at 7:59 p.m. Saturday.

BOOKED -- Rene Gopez Sanchez, 33, of Fort Bragg, was booked into jail on suspicion of driving under the influence by the Mendocino Major Crimes Task Force at 8:59 p.m. Sunday.

BOOKED -- Terrie Lynn Rickman, 31, of Philo, was booked into jail on suspicion of assault on a peace officer, battery with bodily injury, resisting arrest, being under the influence of a controlled substance and a warrant for battery by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office at 12:12 a.m. Monday.

BOOKED -- Kevin Parnell Sims, 38, of Fremont, was booked into jail on suspicion of possession of marijuana for sale and transportation of marijuana for sale by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office at 3:26 a.m. Monday.

BOOKED -- Jason Gluz, 21, of Atherton, was booked into jail on suspicion of possession of marijuana for sale and transportation of marijuana for sale by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office at 3:28 a.m. Monday.

Sheriff's Office at 3:28 a.m. Monday. **BOOKED** -- Marie Anne Vest, 53, of Redwood Valley, was booked into jail on suspicion of possession of marijuana for sale and planting or cultivating marijuana for sale by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office at 8:43 a.m. Monday. Vest was released after being booked.

BOOKED -- Thomas Vincent Crosson, 56, of Willits, was booked into jail on suspicion of driving under the influence by the California Highway Patrol at 11:59 a.m. Monday.

BOOKED -- Jeffrey Lowell Franks, 19, of Potter Valley, was booked into jail on suspicion of unlawful sex with a minor and lewd and lascivious acts with a child by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office at 3:56 p.m. Monday.

Those arrested by law enforcement officers are innocent until proven guilty. People reported as having been arrested may contact the Daily Journal once their case has been concluded so the results can be reported. Those who feel the information is in error should contact the appropriate agency. In the case of those arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of an intoxicant: all DUI cases reported by law enforcement agencies are reported by the newspaper. The Daily Journal makes no exceptions.

CORRECTIONS

In Wednesday's Page 1 article "Firefighter facing cultivation charges," Jeffrey Weston was incorrectly identified as having been arrested on suspicion of marijuana cultivation due to incorrect information provided by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office. Jeffrey Weston was not arrested. The article should have identified Eric Weston as the man arrested.

Also in that article, Terry Israel should have been identified as a former member of the Ukiah Valley Fire District board. She did not stand for re-election and left the board in November of 2007.

The Ukiah Daily Journal reserves this space to correct errors or make clarifications to news articles. Significant errors in obituary notices or birth announcements will result in reprinting the entire article. Errors may be reported to the editor, 468-3526.

LOTTERY NUMBERS

DAILY 3: night: 0, 4, 4, afternoon: 5, 2, 6. **FANTASY 5:** 04, 05, 10, 14, 35. **DAILY DERBY:** 1st Place: 04, Big Ben. 2nd Place: 02, Lucky Star. 3rd Place: 10, Solid Gold. Race time: 1:41.03. **LOTTO:** 21-25-28-34-42. Meganumber: 10. Jackpot: \$46 million.

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states in the nation. But people are very generous. It's amazing." Freecycle is a global recycling phenomenon. Since it started in Arizona in May 2003, it has grown to more than 4 million members in more than 4,100 cities, from Istanbul to Inwood. It boasts of keeping more than 300 million tons of trash out of landfills every day and has inspired imitators. There are, says founder and executive director Deron Beal, as many heartwarming stories as there are groups: the American Indian tribe that collected used prom dresses for girls in need; the Hurricane Katrina evacuee who furnished a new home; the 98-year-old man who collects and assembles bicycle parts, then gives what he's built to children; and the woman in Austin, Texas, who collected items for an orphanage in Haiti, then got FedEx to deliver the shipping container for free. "It's just all sorts of countless acts of random kindness," says Beal, 40, of Tucson, Ariz. "Whatever they want to make out of it, they really can." Call them corny. Call them cliché. But Freecycle is built on principles that work: One person can make a difference.

slight enough that we decided to abandon the idea altogether. With a pang of sadness, I donated the couch to my brother, who now has it guarding the front door of his home in Bloomington. Ash and I finished packing and left town with the promise that I would procure new seating as soon as we arrived in our new apartment. One thing led to another and four months later, we were still using a pair of deck chairs as our only living room chairs. For the record, this wasn't for lack of trying. I shopped around at nearly every local furniture store, looking for something that was anywhere near my price range. Finding almost nothing decent even approaching less than \$500, I began to lose hope that we would ever own anything approaching comfortable to sit on. "I've been to people's houses who didn't have very much money and they seem to have couches," I thought. "Why can't we?"

This thankfully temporary solution was brought to a head when, over the Christmas holiday, one of the chairs finally buckled from overuse. The only thing sadder than only having two deck chairs for two people's communal seating needs is having one. With that in mind, I stopped procrastinating and hastily joined the local Freecycle group, which I had meant to do months earlier. After being accepted, I posted my desperate need for a couch that "didn't smell weird or have any unsightly stains." Almost immediately I received almost half-a-dozen responses to my inquiry from friendly, willing participants. "Why, oh why, didn't I think of this before?" I thought as I leafed through the sudden deluge of e-mails. After surveying our options, Ash and I settled on a four-decades-old hide-a-bed sofa that the lovely couple who offered to us characterized as "dark brown, early American style."

Luckily, by this time I actually knew people in the area and my friends and coworkers Ben, Richard and MacLeod used their significantly stronger arm muscles to help me move the couch while I stood back and provided moral support. Since that day, my living room has been much more comfortable. Taking a small nap on our couch is considerably easier and decidedly more inviting than having a metal bar sticking in your side as you sit slumped over like you've been hit by a sniper. So now I'm committed to spreading the gospel of Freecycle. I love not paying for stuff I want, and getting things I want for "free ninety-nine" will always appeal to me. Now, the real question is, does anyone have any bookshelves I can have? For real. Get at me about that. This column was first posted at 5:40 p.m. Wednesday on the blog "House of Burgess" which is available at www.insideudj.com/houseofburgess. Rob Burgess can be reached at udjrb@pacific.net.

Giving is better than receiving. One person's trash is another's treasure. Commit an act of kindness and it will be returned. "It's not like a get-rich-quick scheme. You're not going to get everything you want every time you want it," Gemell says. "The more offers you post, the better outcomes you're going to have." Beal began his experiment with an e-mail to 30 or 40 friends, inspired by his Dumpster-diving adventures on behalf of homeless men trying to get back on their feet. When his nonprofit group's warehouse was full, he realized he needed a new way to unload. His network grew to 800 members almost overnight, after a newspaper story started spreading the word. "From the get-go, it absolutely snowballed, and we're basically doubling in size every year," Beal says. About 30,000 people join weekly, with the single largest group in London, some 40,000-strong. Though Freecycle caught on first in progressive cities like Portland, Ore., San Francisco and Madison, Wis., Beal says Chicago, St. Louis and New York followed quickly. Then word of mouth took over, with people in the cities telling people in small towns. "It's very much a viral sort of growth and randomly beautiful," he says. It's also self-policing,

patrolled by 10,000 volunteer moderators who ensure that items are being swapped legally, and that all are G-rated. Playboy collections and porn tapes are a no-no. "West Virginia was probably one of the slowest states overall for it to really pick up," Beal says, citing lack of Internet access as a likely reason. Earlier this year, the Public Service Commission estimated that less than 35 percent of West Virginia households had broadband service. A June survey by the Communications Workers of America measured the state's median download speed at 1.12 megabits, one of the slowest rates in the country. However, West Virginia has more than two dozen Freecycle groups, with thousands of members offering a service Gemell says many people need. "Even at Salvation Army and Goodwill, you still have to pay for things," she says. "With the cost of living the way it is and gas prices the way they are, the prices there are still way more than some people can afford." Heather Edwards, a moderator of the Martinsburg-Berkeley County group in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle, finds great deals for her four children, who range from 9 months to 15 years old. "I got a humongous plastic playhouse for the kids," she says. "It costs about \$400 new."

Edwards, 35, often drives to Hagerstown, Md., to gather her Freecycle finds. "They have everything from Sunday coupons to refrigerators," she says. "Yesterday it was a whole dining suite -- a table and six chairs." She urges novices to post more offers than requests, to avoid being greedy and to use common sense in arranging pickups to ensure personal safety. Andi Bassett, a Morgantown mom with five children ages 20 months to 10 years, says she'll soon be donating a batch of baby clothes. "The most appealing thing to me is finding someone who wants my 'junk,' that it's useful to them and they are thankful for my unwanted stuff," she wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "And the same is true of other people's 'junk' that is useful to me: I am thankful for it. Freecycle just puts people together." On the Net: Freecycle Network: <http://www.freecycle.org/>

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What's Playing

THURSDAY

PAULINA LOGAN & JIM SWITZER -- Live acoustic performance; Shanachie Pub; 50 S. Main, Willits; 8 p.m.; no cover, tips appreciated; 459-9194.

'AND THEN THEY CAME FOR ME' -- Multimedia play; Ukiah High School; 7 p.m.; \$9 general, \$4 students.

FRIDAY

DJ DANCE MUSIC -- DJ dance music with Patti; Perkins Street Lounge; 228 E. Perkins St., Ukiah; 9 p.m.

ROTARY RAMBLERS -- Folk and bluegrass; Shanachie Pub; 50 S. Main, Willits; 8 p.m.; no cover, tips donated to Willits Rotary for T.R.A.I.L. program; 459-9194.

'AND THEN THEY CAME FOR ME' -- Multimedia play; Ukiah High School; 8 p.m.; \$9 general, \$4 students.

SATURDAY

DJ DANCE MUSIC -- DJ dance music with Patti; Perkins Street Lounge; 228 E. Perkins St., Ukiah; 9 p.m.

KARAOKE -- Live entertainment; Yokayo Bowl; 1401 N. State St., Ukiah; 7 to 11 p.m.; no cover; 462-8686.

THE RIFFS -- Original rock; Shanachie Pub; 50 S. Main, Willits; 9 p.m.; no cover, tips appreciated; 459-9194.

LIVE MUSIC -- Dance music; Bartlett Hall; 495 Leslie St., Ukiah; 7 to 10 p.m.; \$8 and \$9 cover; adults 18 and over welcome.

REDBUD -- Rock and roll; Forestville Club; 6520 Front St. (Highway 116), Forestville; 9 to 12:30 p.m.; \$5 cover; 887-2594.

'AND THEN THEY CAME FOR ME' -- Multimedia play; Ukiah High School; 8 p.m.; \$9 general, \$4 students.

VENEZUELAN SONG AND DANCE -- Dance, poetry, song and photographs from Venezuela; Saturday Afternoon Club; 170 South Oak Street, Ukiah; 7 p.m.; \$10 to \$25 sliding scale; 583-5097.

SUNDAY

'SING ME YOUR STORY, DANCE ME HOME' -- Art and poetry from Native California; Grace Hudson Museum; 431 S. Main St., Ukiah; 1 p.m.; 467-2836.

MONDAY

MICROPHONE NIGHT -- Sing or play an instrument; Club 711; 711 S. State St., Ukiah; 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; 462-7111.

TUESDAY

KARAOKE -- Every Tuesday; Perkins Street Lounge; 228 E. Perkins St., Ukiah; 8 p.m.; free.

TAHITIAN DANCE -- Every Tuesday night; Mendocino Ballet Studio; 205 S. State St., Ukiah; ages 11 to 99; 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; \$8 to \$11.

WEDNESDAY

ADAM'S CENTER STAGE KARAOKE -- Karaoke night at Yokayo Bowl; 1401 N. State St., Ukiah; 7 to 11 p.m.; family hours 6 to 8 p.m.; no cover; 462-8686.

OPEN MIC NIGHT -- Open Mic; Ukiah Brewing Co.; 102 S. State St., Ukiah; 8:30 p.m.; free; 468-5898.

THE BACON VIDEO -- Skateboard stunt video; The Sports Attic; 108 W. Standley St., Ukiah; 6:30 p.m.; \$5 cover.

'27 Dresses' a romantic comedy for all ages

Many young women think hard about their dream wedding, but for Jane she has always been the bridesmaid, never the bride.

Jane (Katherine Heigl) lives in New York and works in a big company as the boss' assistant. There she handles anything and everything in his daily routine for work and even helps with his private life picking up dry cleaning and picking him up food without even being asked. The one thing her boss George (Edward Burns) doesn't know is that Jane has intense feelings for him.

As time passes Jane finds out that the entire office knows about these feelings of hers and the only person that seems to be completely oblivious is incredibly nice and upbeat George.

On top of her daily life at work the rest of her time is solely committed to all of her friends' weddings, participating as a bridesmaid helping to cater, plan, provide to their every need and always being prepared.

One day her sister Tess (Malin Akerman) gets into town and Jane picks her up from the airport. Tess has always been taken under Jane's wing and after their

FOCUS ON FILM



By Shelby White

mother passed away she had to spend a lot of time raising her.

While at an engagement party for a girl at work Jane inadvertently mistakes some flowers that had been anonymously sent to her from who she thinks is George. As she walks across the room to talk to George she runs across her sister who gets to him first. With them hitting it off as well as having a great time, will Jane be able to cope with

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Mendocino Whale Festival to feature walks, wine and whale watching cruises

The Daily Journal

MENDOCINO -- Wine tasting and whale watching will be the featured attractions of the 26th Annual Mendocino Whale Festival March 1 and 2 in Mendocino. Many wineries will set up tasting stations in inns, galleries and shops throughout Mendocino Village and Little River, while the area's top chefs produce their favorite seafood chowders in a tasting event.

A marine mammal art exhibit, plein-air (live outdoor painting demonstrations) and docent-led walks are all part of the two-day festival. With some 20,000 gray whales migrating north from birthing grounds in Mexico to their winter home in Alaska, there will be plenty of whales to view from the Mendocino Headlands State Park, which surrounds Mendocino Village. For more on the Pacific Gray Whale, visit <http://www.mendowhale.com/whales.htm>

Major events include:

- Wine Tasting in Mendocino's shops-Saturday only noon to 4 p.m., \$30. Register at Welcome Centers: Crown Hall on Main Street, the Ford House on Main Street. Event brochures, T-shirts and totes available. 21 and over only.

- Chowder Tasting in Crown Hall, Saturday from 11 a.m. till the chowder runs out, four tastings for \$5. Crown Hall located at 45285 Ukiah Street, Mendocino. T-shirts and totes available during event.

- Whale Watching walks on the headlands and Gray Whale Exhibit at the Ford House Visitor's Center, Saturday and Sunday. Call 937-5397 for more information and hours Ford House Visitor Center located on ocean side of Main Street, Mendocino.

- Jughandle Creek Nature Center on-site naturalist will set up guided whale watching walks by reservations and will provide spotting scopes and educational materials. Contact: Helene Chalfin, 964-4630 or email: jughandle@creek.org.

- Lighthouse Activities, Pt. Cabrillo Lighthouse exhibits and children's activities on Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Includes tide pool exhibit, lighthouse history, bird walks from Audubon Society, whale watching, and a Marine Mammal Center of Sausalito rescue demonstration. Docents and naturalists on hand. Parking \$3.

- Plein-air Artists in the Village Weather permitting. See local artists painting on the Mendocino Headlands, Saturday

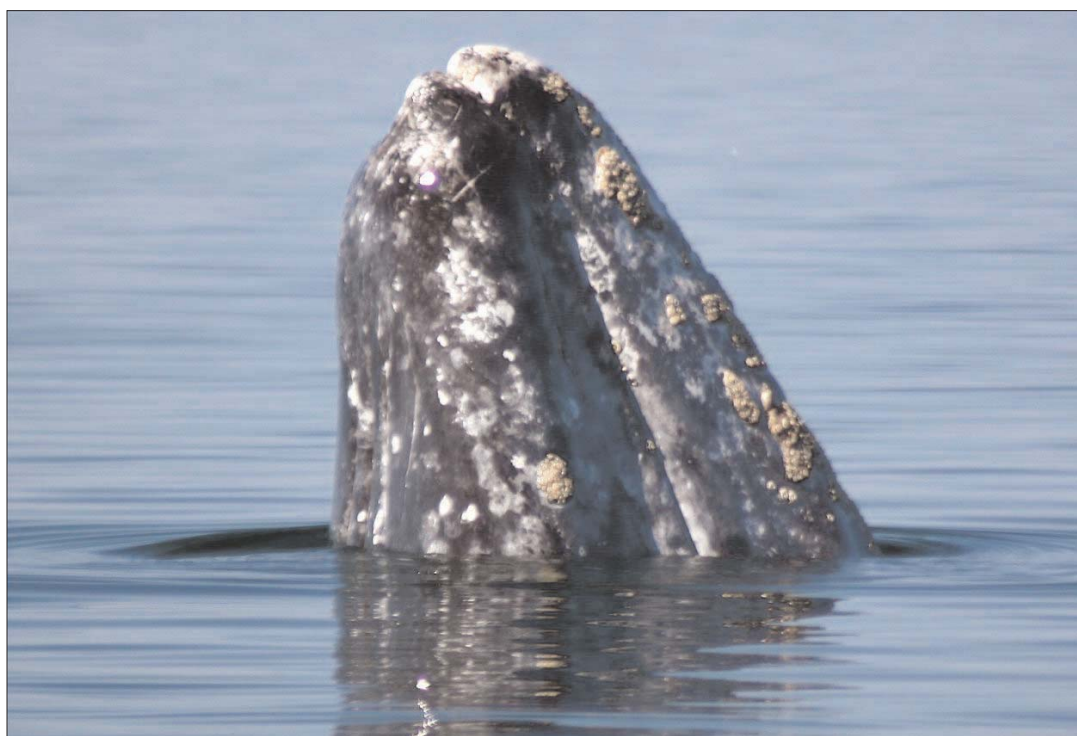
- 4th Annual Marine Wildlife Exhibit at the Mendocino Art Center, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Little Lake St., Mendocino. Call 937-5818 features nationally and locally honored marine wildlife artists including the late JD Mayhew, designer of Whale Festival logo.

- The Coast KOZT-FM and Mendocino Coast Chamber of Commerce presents a whale film by Eric Christensen, Saturday at Crown Hall, 6 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

- Whale Watching Cruises from Noyo Harbor in Fort Bragg all day both Saturday and Sunday. Call Chamber of Commerce for charter boat referrals, 961-6300 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays, 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday.



Above, participants of last year's Mendocino Whale Festival enjoy the Chowder Tasting. Below are several whale sightings that participants can expect to see on the whale watching walks, horseback rides or boat rides.



- Whale Watching by Horseback, call Chamber of Commerce for referrals, 961-6300 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays, 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Featured wineries: Albertina Wine Cellars; Barra of Mendocino; Claudia Springs; Esterlina Vineyards; Fife Vineyards; Frey Vineyards; Graziano Family of Wines; Handley

Cellars; Husch Vineyards; McNab Ridge Winery; Meyer Family Cellars; Navarro Vineyards; Neese Vineyards; and Scharffenburger Cellars.

To submit information for the Billboard or What's Playing calendar, call 468-3520 or email udjfeatures@pacific.net

Letters from our readers

Harris quarry info missing

To the Editor:
After reading the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on the expansion plans of the Harris Quarry and attending the first Planning Commission hearing regarding the DEIR, I feel I must respond to some important information missing from the document.

Several of the speakers, myself included, alluded to the traffic dangers at the site. The DEIR is insufficient in its analysis of the dangers there.

As a resident of the Ridgewood Subdivision for almost 23 years, who enters the highway from Black Bart Drive almost every single day, I can speak from personal experience about the treacherous situations there. Just normal everyday traffic is bad enough. The speed limit at the Ridgewood Grade is 65 m.p.h. (the DEIR mistakenly says it is posted as 55 m.p.h.), with some traffic traveling at 70 m.p.h. plus. Add to that the slow moving gravel trucks entering and exiting the quarry just south of Black Bart Drive. The DEIR even includes the report of a car rear-ending a gravel truck. But it doesn't speak of the many, many unreported near misses.

Now, imagine the addition of all the trucks the new project will include (estimated at 26 per hour, not including any supply trucks delivering to the plants. That's almost one truck every two minutes entering or leaving the quarry!).

Finally, imagine all of this high-speed traffic with trucks slowly pulling onto the freeway which, for two thirds of the year, is shrouded in heavy fog. (Do you have any idea how many people still don't turn their headlights on in fog?) It can be a real white-knuckle test of faith pulling out on that highway in the fog. It should also be noted that three school buses a day pull out onto that freeway. As parents, we hold our breath until the bus is safely moving north in the slow lane without being hit.

On a personal level, my family has suffered a tragedy at the intersection. But it is not mentioned in the document because it happened seventeen years ago. Only statistics from the last six years were used. My sister-in-law was killed when she pulled out in front of a southbound pickup pulling a trailer. At that time, the right turn lane for Black Bart was not marked as a turn lane and a Semi was parked there. She could not see southbound traffic until she had already entered the lane. The people who hit her were from out of state and had no idea there was possible cross traffic there. It happened on a clear and sunny day! It was only after much lobbying that we got CalTrans to mark the turn lane, post no parking signs on the dirt easement and post a cross traffic ahead sign for northbound traffic. There is still no such sign for southbound traffic.

The "no parking" signs are meaningless though when trucks are lined up for the quarry. As I approached the stop sign on Black Bart to enter the highway, gravel trucks were lined up double parked on the dirt strip and in the turn lane. Stopped. Parked. Out of their trucks visiting. I called CHP but the trucks had disbursed by the time an officer checked on it. I could not see southbound traffic at all. That could have been a deadly situation in the fog.

The last point I want to make is there is

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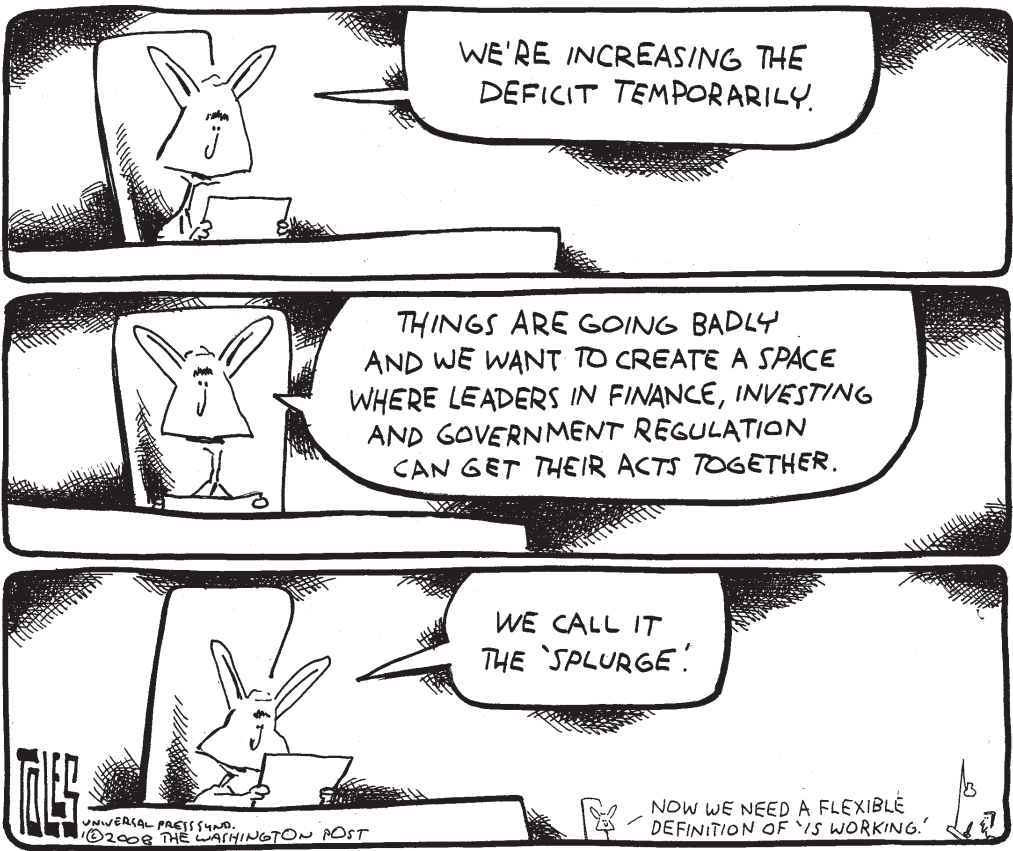
Editor's note: The Daily Journal welcomes letters of thanks from organizations and individuals. We are glad that so many successful events are held here. However, thank you letters must be kept short. For that reason we have a 20-business name limit per letter. If your letter lists more than 20 businesses it will not be printed. Shorter thank you letters which do not contain lists of participants or donors will be printed more quickly. Those wishing to thank long lists of people and businesses are welcome to contact our advertising department for help with a thank you ad.

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ON EDITORIALS

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a constant "movement" of the mountains on which Highway 101 is built in the Ridgewood Grade area. There is a constant slipping, knuckling, cracking open and falling away of the road surface. As all drivers between Willits and Ukiah can attest, CalTrans is forever repairing the roadway and closing portions of it. The latest lane closure has gone on for nearly two years as they try to figure out how to stabilize the ground beneath. What will happen with the additional truck traffic?

Remember when the highway was closed and Tomki Road or the coast was your only alternative because of the highway slipping? Remember just last summer when a semi rolled on its side blocking all southbound traffic for a day?

The argument that it is better to have all the facilities together to save truck trips up and down the Grade does not ring true. How much cement and asphalt will needed to the north after the by pass is built? How much to the south? Doesn't it make more sense to have it in the valley somewhere (on land already zoned as industrial) rather than have the additional traffic going up and down the Grade? A temporary plant can be built for the by-pass project near the site. These alternatives are not discussed in the DEIR.

Remember that contrary to what

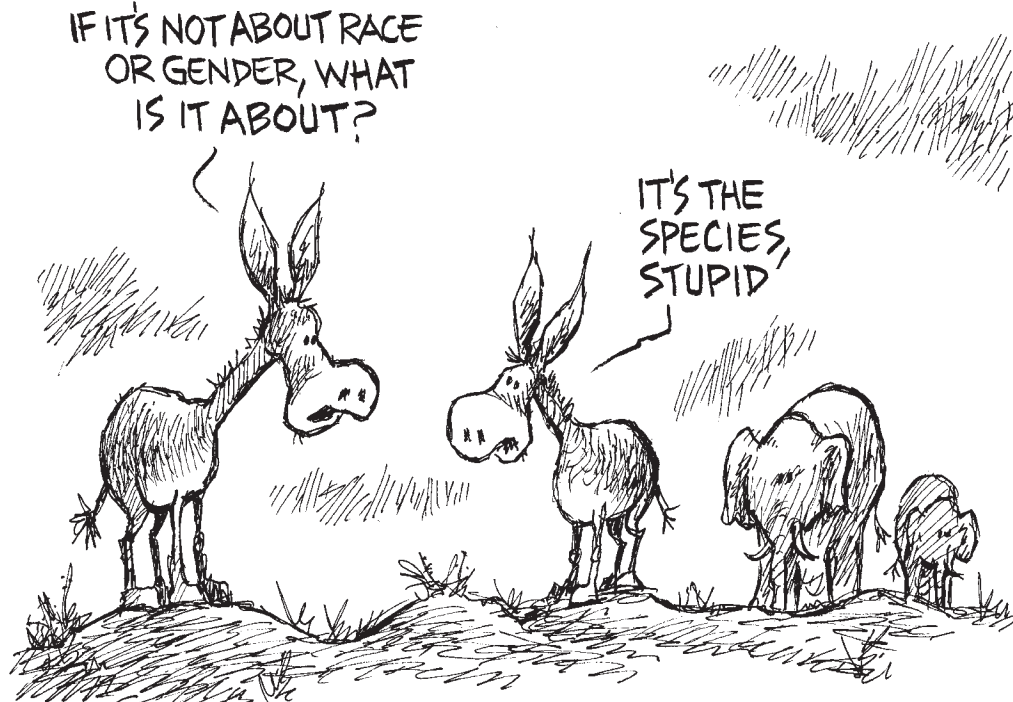
Northern Aggregates and their supporters may say, we are not against the rock quarry itself and its continued extraction. We know that rock is the foundation of our lives. What we are against is the rezoning of resource land for heavy industry in an area that is not appropriate for such facilities, when land zoned for such facilities already exists.

Also, contrary to what they may have you believe, we are not a bunch of "stupid environmentalists." We are doctors, lawyers, teachers, professionals, businessmen and women, retirees, construction workers, parents and proud citizens who care about the future of this county and its resources.

I urge all of you who use the highway between Willits and Ukiah to study the document and voice your concerns in person at the public hearings or in writing to the Board of Supervisors. The next Planning Commission hearing is Feb. 7.; the Board of Supervisors meeting is Feb. 12 and the comment period deadline is Feb. 15, 2008. All comments and issues must be addressed in the final document. Please respond and be heard! Your safety could be at stake.

Roni McFadden Willits

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From the desk of...



EJ DIONNE JR.

McCain proving durable

John McCain is feared by Democrats and liked by independents. That, paradoxically, is why he may yet be rejected by Republicans, even though he has bent over backward to satisfy conservative demands.

McCain exorcised the ghosts of South Carolina on Saturday, winning a critical primary in a state where he was viciously savaged eight years ago by George W. Bush. McCain's loss ended his chances in 2000, but the sheer ferocity of the campaign against him only burnished his legend as the brave independent willing to confront a Republican political machine that punishes free thinking.

McCain's politics-be-damned image has proved remarkably durable, even though he more recently coziered up to his right-wing critics in the anti-tax movement and the older parts of the religious right. Where he once bravely opposed Bush's tax cuts, McCain now spouts orthodoxy in declaring they should be made permanent. He speaks of himself as the true Reaganite because of his opposition to federal spending.

In South Carolina it was enough -- but only because moderates, liberals and independents identified McCain as the best available alternative.

McCain won overwhelmingly among voters who described themselves as moderate or liberal, but lost to Mike Huckabee among conservatives. He ran more than 2-1 behind Huckabee among those who identified themselves as very conservative. Even though McCain has long opposed abortion, he ran strongly among voters who favor keeping it legal. He lost among those who would outlaw it.

And McCain did not actually carry self-identified Republicans who voted in South Carolina. Independents saved his candidacy.

It is precisely this profile that worries Democrats. The persistence of McCain's maverick image suggests he may be the one Republican who can rescue his party from the undertow of the Bush years.

In a matchup against Barack Obama, McCain would emphasize his foreign policy experience and military background. Obama has shown particular weakness among older voters in the Democratic contests so far. Those voters were key to Hillary Clinton's victory on Saturday in the Nevada caucuses. The experience argument may have something to do with this and it could work for McCain as it has for Clinton.

For her part, Clinton has found her base among more partisan Democrats. McCain's perceived independence would help him with swing voters, while conservatives who dislike him would rally to his candidacy as the one roadblock to a Clinton restoration.

But this is also what makes the next stage of the Republican contest so perilous for McCain. In many of the states that vote next -- notably Florida, which casts ballots on Jan. 29 -- independents will not be able to come to McCain's aid. In such closed primaries, he will have to emphasize his fealty to traditional conservatism and use his strong support for the Iraq War as a Republican credential. Yet the more McCain tries to look like a typical Republican, the more he threatens his standing with middle-of-the-road voters.

Florida will be especially complicated because Rudy Giuliani, who has hung back from the competition so far, is fiercely contesting McCain for moderate voters, particularly Republicans who favor abortion rights. They are a more significant constituency in the party than is usually recognized.

Giuliani, unlike McCain, is an outright proponent of keeping abortion legal. In an effort to hold down Huckabee's support among evangelicals -- and to challenge Mitt Romney for flip-flopping on the issue -- McCain no doubt will point, legitimately, to his long and consistent pro-life stand. McCain was able to do this in South Carolina without losing pro-choice votes because Giuliani did not compete there. In Florida, Giuliani is a viable alternative and could cost McCain critical votes.

McCain thus confronts the most difficult challenge he has faced so far. He made his name as a straight-talker who does not shade his positions to satisfy potential critics. But to win the rest of the way, McCain may have to offer himself as a split personality.

He will argue to those on the party's right who mistrust him that they should support him as the one candidate who can appeal beyond the Republican base. But he will also try to ease conservative worries by presenting the most conformist version of himself, thereby giving independents food for second thoughts. At one and the same time, he will have to be the true conservative and the maverick, the loyal font of traditional Republican nostrums and the independent thinker, the candidate of both Fox News and CNN.

The campaign so far has tested McCain's political skills, and he has proved himself shrewder than his opponents. The coming weeks will be a test for McCain's soul.

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‘Born of Fire’ and Wildlife Film Series tickets available now

“Born of Fire,” a dramatic award-winning film about the geology and wildlife of the Galapagos Islands, will lead off Ukiah’s second annual International Wildlife Film Series. The series will take place on six consecutive Friday nights beginning Feb. 8 at the Ukiah Civic Center. “Born of Fire” takes viewers through the geological life stages of these unique islands, including the fiery eruption of Sierra Negra, the largest of the Galapagos volcanoes. It goes on to offer scenes of fantastic wildlife, including Marine Iguanas leaping from cliffs into the sea and Darwin’s Finches grooming the largest tortoises on earth. Horace Peabody, director of Peabody Awards and critic of hundreds of films, says, “It is the most beautiful thing I have ever seen.”

The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with community and family social time, accompanied by live Celtic music by Kristin Robin and Bob Laughton, and healthy refreshments. The films will begin at 7:15 p.m. with a short, “Saving a Species, The Great Penguin Rescue.” The six evenings of film are likely to sell out, so film goers are urged to buy their tickets early at Mendocino Book Company in Ukiah for a suggested donation of \$10 per evening or \$50 for the series. The film series is a benefit for Redwood Valley Outdoor Education Project , a community-supported project of the Ukiah Unified School District. The RVOEP offers hands-on nature and science education to more than 2,000 school students each year. For the full film schedule go to www.rvoep.org.

The Ukiah Civic Center is at 300 Seminary Avenue. From Hwy 101 take Perkins St. to N. State St. Turn left and go right on Seminary. Take it to the end. See you there.

Open Art Studio to meet on Mondays

The Open Art Studio will be meeting at the Todd Grove Clubhouse on Mondays, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee is \$3 for members of Mendocino County Art Association, and \$5 for non-members. No instruction is provided. Participants will need to bring their own supplies. This is run on a drop-in basis -- attend for as long as desired, and get inspiration from painting with fellow artists. Tables and chairs are available. For more information, call Lynn Cyrilla Crutcher at 391-5852 in case of any last minute changes.

UHS multimedia play to play through Feb. 2

The Ukiah High School drama department will continue presenting “And Then They Came for Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank” by James Still through Saturday, Feb. 2. The multimedia play will combine videotaped interviews with Holocaust survivors Ed Silverberg and Eva Schloss with live actors recreating scenes for their lives during World War II. Silverberg was Anne Frank’s first boyfriend, and she wrote about him in the beginning of her diary.

The play continues Thursday through Saturday, this week and next, on Jan. 24, 25, 26 and 31, Friday, Feb. 1, and Saturday, Feb. 2. The curtain will rise at 7 p.m. on Thursdays, and 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets are available at Mendocino Book Company, or at the door, for \$9 general seating or \$4 for UHS students.

Mendocino Stories and Music Series poetry night set for Jan. 25

The next event in the Mendocino Stories and Music Series will be a poetry night, with Sharon Doubiago, Theresa Whitehill, William Brad and Gordon Black reading their work. They will be followed by open readings, hosted by Dan Roberts. Music will be provided by Lynn Stoller and David Duret.

Donations are requested for the performers. The doors will open at 6 p.m., and the program will start at 6:30 p.m.

The poetry night will take place at the Mendocino Hotel Garden Room, on Jan. 25. For more information, call Pattie at 937-1732, or visit the Mendocino Stories web site at <http://www.mendocinostories.com/events>.

Flavor Festival set to start with Crab and Wine Weekend on Jan. 25

Taste Mendocino, a Celebration of Mendocino’s Regional Flavor Bounty, will kick off with a weekend of fresh shellfish and wine events beginning Friday, Jan. 25, on the Mendocino Coast.

The new Flavor Festival combines established Mendocino County events, including Crab and Wine Days, the Wine and Mushroom Festival, and the Alsace Varietals Festival. The first weekend kicks off with a Cioppino Dinner in Fort Bragg’s Noyo Harbor on Friday, Jan. 25. Then, on Saturday, Jan. 26, the public is invited to the 9th annual Crab Cake Cook-off and wine tasting, featuring Mendocino County chefs serving crab cakes made with local Dungeness crab, accompanied by Mendocino County wines . Guests are invited to judge crab cakes and their favorite wine for the People’s Choice awards, while celebrity

judges choose the professional winners. Proceeds from the weekend events benefit Mendocino Coast Clinics, which serve the entire Mendocino Coast.

In addition to wine and crab, the Regional Flavor Bounty offers tastings of locally-grown and produced products including wild mushrooms, chocolate and even seaweed. Seminars on mushroom collecting, food and wine pairing, cooking demonstrations at restaurants throughout the County, winemaker dinners, whale watching and crab fishing expeditions happen throughout the Festival. It all ends with the Alsace Varietals Festival in the Anderson Valley, Feb. 9 and 10, 2008.

Tickets for the Jan. 25th Cioppino Dinner, which cost \$25 in advance, and the Jan. 26 Crab Cake Cook-off, which cost \$55 in advance, are already available online at www.MendocinoCoastClinics.org, and a Festival guide listing all additional events will be published in the fall of 2007.

For more information, click on “Events” at <http://www.gomendo.com>.

Evening of Venezuelan Song and Dance set for Jan. 26

An evening of dance, poetry, song and photographs from Venezuela will be held at the Saturday Afternoon Club, this Saturday, Jan. 26. The evening fundraiser will include Venezuelan food, student presentations, live music, dancing, photographs, auction items, and more.

This event is a benefit for BAYGI (Bay Area Youth Gone International), a non-profit organization begun by Ukiah natives, which serves urban youth in the Bay Area. This event will help BAYGI’s send urban high school kids to Venezuela in March.

The entrance fee will be set on a sliding scale of \$10 to \$25. The doors will open at 6 p.m. Performances will begin at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Sarah Walsh or Jason and Trevor Gardner at 583-5097, or read more about BAYGI at <http://maestrogardner.com>.

‘Observations of a Good Earthkeeper’ presentation set for Jan. 26

Cheshire Books will host a special book presentation of “Nature’s Way: Observations of a Good Earthkeeper,” a locally published collection of articles by nature columnist Marion Dusoier Ennes, on Saturday Jan. 26 at 2 p.m.

In describing Nature’s Way, coastal resident Erica Fielder, a nationally recognized environmental educator and artist, states the book includes “... deeply flavored, rightly colored, and highly informative morsels of our natural world. Highlighting the diversity of a small slice of biosphere, this book makes me want to get outside and begin exploring my own locale. It’s also a great companion to the new field guides that emphasize not only identification, but also plant and animal behavior.”

Howard Ennes, editor of Nature’s Way and husband of the late author, and their daughter Linda Pack, will read from the book as well as provide a bit of back story explaining the collection of 150 nature articles from the beloved Ms. Dusoier Ennes’ 10 year running column in The Independent, a twice-weekly newspaper from upstate New York’s Berkshire area.

For more information, call Cheshire Books at 964-5918.

Exhibit to feature art and poetry from Native California

The contemporary art and poetry of California Indians is celebrated in “Sing Me Your Story, Dance Me Home: Art and Poetry from Native California,” a traveling exhibition that has brought the work of 31 California Indian artists together for the first time.

The exhibit, which will open at Grace Hudson Museum on Sunday, Jan. 27. reflects a cultural and artistic legacy that has been largely unrecognized in the art world. The opening reception, which begins at 1 p.m., will give the public the opportunity to meet four regional artists whose work is included in the

exhibit: Mendocino County artist Frank Tuttle, Mendocino County poet Linda Noel, Sonoma County artist Kathleen Smith, and Humboldt County poet Shaunna Oteka McCovey.

Grace Hudson Museum is open to the public Wednesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is located at 431 S. Main St., behind the Sun House (Grace and John Hudson’s historic home). More information about the museum and this exhibit are available at the museum’s web site, <http://www.gracehudsonmuseum.org>, or by calling the museum at 467-2836.

Winter/spring session SPACE classes begin Jan. 28

Near and Arnold’s School of Performing Arts and Cultural Education announces its 18 week winter/spring session of performing arts classes will begin Jan. 28. Instruction is offered in drama, singing and dance: hip-hop, break, contemporary and belly dancing, with performance opportunities available in April, May and June. Special Saturday classes in Taiko drumming for both children and adults have also been added this year under the instruction of master teacher Bruce Ghent.

Serving ages 2 and a half to 18, SPACE emphasizes diversity, youth leadership, cross-cultural arts, social awareness and activism, with a focus on the performing arts as community service.

Some scholarships are available and registration is ongoing. For more information, call 462-9370, visit SPACE at 145 E. Church St. in Ukiah, or visit SPACE’s web site at www.spaceperformingarts.org. Se habla Espanol.

‘The Bacon Video’ to be shown on Jan. 30 to raise funds for Ukiah Skatepark

The Ukiah Skate Park Committee will present “The Bacon Video” on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at 6:30 p.m., at the Sports Attic. They are offering a video/meal deal of \$5, which includes a raffle for various prizes. Additional raffle tickets are available for \$1 each.

Local skateboarders with footage are invited to bring it to the presentation, where it will be shown.

All proceeds from the event go directly to the Ukiah Skatepark. The Sports Attic is located at 108 West Standley Street, Ukiah.

Poet Blake More to be featured at Writers Read on Jan. 31

On Thursday, Jan. 31, coast poet Blake More will be featured in the Writers Read series at Colored Horse Studio. More’s

work spans the spectrum from writing and performance to costume and mixed media functional art pieces, assemblage sculpture and wildly painted art cars. The author of three full-length books and four books of poetry, More’s work has appeared in magazines and journals worldwide, including Utne Reader, Yoga Journal, and Tokyo Time Out.

More’s original solo performance pieces and ensemble plays have appeared on streets and stages in New York, Tokyo, San Francisco, Berkeley, Oakland, Los Angeles, Marin, Sonoma, and the Mendocino coast. More has worked with the Oakland East Bay Symphony, San Francisco Mime Troupe, Bay Area Video Coalition, Marsh Theater, Arena Theater, Gualala Arts, California Poets In The Schools, Laughing Squid, KZYZ Radio, KTDE Radio, SF Liberation Radio, and Radio Amsterdam. Her newest book, “godmeat” (Beatitude Press, Dec 2007), is a collection of poetry, prose and artwork and includes a poem movie compilation DVD.

To explore More’s creative endeavors, go to her website: www.snakelyone.com.

Colored Horse Studio is located at 780 Waugh Lane in Ukiah. The featured reading starts at 7 p.m., followed by an open mic session at 8:15. Refreshments will be available. Donations are requested. For more information, call 463-6989, 462-4557 or visit the web site www.coloredhorse.com.



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This week:

- TODAY, UHS boys basketball @ Montgomery, 4:30, 6 & 7:30 p.m.
- Fri., Mendocino womens' basketball vs. Contra Costa College @ 7:30 p.m.
- Fri., Mendocino mens' basketball vs. Contra Costa @ 5:30 p.m.
- Fri., UHS girls basketball vs. Maria Carrillo, 4:30, 6 & 7:30 p.m.
- Fri./Sat. Pomolita 8th grade boys basketball tournament in Ukiah. Friday's games begin at 3 p.m. while Saturday's begin at 9 a.m. and last all day
- Sat., UHS boys varsity wrestling in Wendy's Invitational @ 9 a.m.
- Sat., UHS boys basketball vs. Maria Carrillo @ Mendo, 4:30, 6 & 7:30 p.m.

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Mendo-Lake Spikers
Serve-A-Thon

The Mendo-Lake Spikers Volleyball Club invites members of the community to support areas girls, ages 10-18, in our annual Serve-A-Thon on Jan. 28th. Players are seeking pledges to raise money for the upcoming AAU club volleyball season. Pledges may be given per successful serve (out of 20 attempts) or simply for a flat donation. Any person or business interested in sponsoring a player or making a donation to our program may contact Ori Polkinghorne at opolky@hotmail.com or 463-0451. Mendo-Lake Spikers VBC is in its 4th year of existence, providing area girls with the opportunity to learn, train, and compete in the great game of volleyball.

Attention BAM
Wrestlers:

BAM Wrestling Club has begun practice. Practice is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. in the wrestling room at Ukiah High School. Sign-ups continues through the month of January each night at practice. The cost is \$50.00 per wrestler or \$40.00 each for sibling.

UHS Boosters Meeting

The UHS Boosters Meeting will be held Monday, January, 28th at 5:30 p.m. in the Career Center, building A. If you would like to help with the Fall 2008 Fundraiser then please attend the meeting. There will be organizing and strategizing done at the meeting. All parents and community members welcome. Contact Deni Lee at 468-3736 for further information.

2008 Girls Youth
Softball League

Registration for the 2008 girls youth softball league is now open at the City of Ukiah. Participants may register individually and will be placed on teams according to their grade level. The following divisions will be utilized: K-2 in tee-ball, grades 3-4 in pitching machine, grades 5&6 together and grades 7-12. League play begins in early April and will run through early June. Cost is \$50 per player and the deadline is March 7, 2008. Forms are available at the City of Ukiah office (411 West Clay) and online at www.cityofukiah.com. For more info call 463-6714.

Girls 6-on-6 Soccer
League

Registration for the 2008 girls 6-on-6 youth soccer league is currently open and running through March 28th. Teams will consist of girls ages 13 through 19. The registration fee is \$200 per team while player fees of \$20 will be collected at the first games with team rosters. Teams will be scheduled for 12 games (6 double-headers) on Sundays from late April through early June. For questions regarding the league or to register your team, please contact 463-6714.

TENNIS | AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Roger Federer downs James Blake to reach semifinals

By PAUL ALEXANDER
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Roger Federer has a lot of reasons to like James Blake.

The 12th-ranked American has a reputation as a nice guy away from the court and a good sportsman on it. More importantly for Federer, Blake always puts up a good fight against the Swiss star — before losing.

Top-ranked Federer ran his record against Blake to 8-0 and advanced to the Australian Open semifinals with a 7-5, 7-6 (5), 6-4 victory Wednesday.

Federer is seeking to win here for the third straight year and pull within one of Pete Sampras' record of 14 Grand Slam

titles. He's also one step away from his 11th consecutive Grand Slam final after winning 19 matches in a row at Melbourne Park.

"It's great to be on top of the game for so long and be compared to the greats like Rod Laver and Sampras," Federer said.

He's not too worried about younger players stealing a little of the spotlight, either.

"I'm looking at history, looking at my own game," Federer said.

He next faces No. 3 Novak Djokovic, who beat No. 5 David Ferrer 6-0, 6-3, 7-5 to join two Serbian women in the semifinals. Ana Ivanovic ousted Venus Williams 7-6 (3), 6-4 on Wednesday,

while Jelena Jankovic beat Serena Williams a day earlier.

The same three players reached the French Open semifinals last year on clay, proving they can win on different surfaces. Djokovic also made the Wimbledon semifinals and was runner-up to Federer at the U.S. Open.

U.S. flags were outnumbered by Swiss flags on a perfect night for tennis, and Federer had to be nearly perfect to beat Blake, who used his powerful forehand to keep the Swiss star from taking control of point.

"Playing against James, it's always great fun," said Federer, dressed in all-

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UHS | GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Wildcats fall flat against Vikings

By ANTHONY DION
The Daily Journal

The Ukiah Wildcats girls varsity basketball team entered Wednesday night's game with the Montgomery Vikings with much at stake. Most importantly was sole possession of second place in the North Bay League (NBL) standings but a close second was confidence -- rebounding from their second league loss of the season and letting themselves know that they belong at the top.

It didn't quite go as planned.

Brittany Jones had 22 points and the Vikings controlled the game from the opening tip, cruising to a 58-49 win in which they never trailed.

Ukiah (14-6, 5-3), came out flat in the first quarter falling behind 5-0 quickly and then 16-3 never to see the lead the entire game.

"We gave up too many points early," said Ukiah head coach Randy Haralson. "When you play a top team like that you can't afford to fall that far behind early."

They certainly could not.

A lackluster defensive performance for the majority of the first half enabled Montgomery to surge ahead quickly. Meanwhile, the Vikings' smothering defense was able to hold Ukiah to poor shooting.

As coach Haralson tried to find the right combination of five on the floor to get his team jumpstarted, the Vikings simply wouldn't quit.

Eventually Haralson found a combination that seemed effective against the tough Vikings defense. The five of Hillary Ruddick, Gabby Kong, Emily Houghton, Dakota Sanderson and Carrie Reid were able to mount a small run to cut into the 13-point deficit, eventually cutting it to six points at 25-19 late in the second quarter.

The momentum appeared to be on the Wildcats side as they went into the half, trailing by eight (29-21).

However, just when it looked like the Lady Cats



Sarah Baldik/The Daily Journal

Wildcats' center Carrie Reid (42) pulls down an offensive rebound amongst three Vikings defenders and looks for the put back in Ukiah's game Wednesday night. Reid was one rebound shy of a double-double.

would climb back into the game, the Vikings came out in the third quarter and stormed their way out to a 15-point lead with a 7-0 run.

After a timeout, Ukiah toughened up and mounted another spurt to close within six points, but once again the Vikings would not relent.

With the period showing a four on the scoreboard, Montgomery staked their lead back out to 14 points with just

over six to play and from that point on, the Lady Cats of Ukiah would not see single digits until virtually the final seconds of play.

Leading the way in the disappointing loss for Ukiah was Reid with 18 points and nine rebounds even though she didn't start the game.

Point guard Cassie Baroni and Houghton added seven points apiece.

"This was a big game for us

and we simply came out flat," said Haralson. "We need to rebound from this with a strong performance on Friday."

With the tough loss, the Wildcats fall to third place and possibly fourth depending on what Ursuline did Wednesday. They certainly will need to bring their 'A' game on Friday night as they continue play at home against a very good Maria Carrillo team.

MLB | BONDS TRIAL

Barry Bonds asks federal judge to toss out perjury case

By PAUL ELIAS
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds asked a federal judge to dismiss perjury charges against him Wednesday, arguing the indictment is "scattershot" and noted for its "striking

inartfulness."

Bonds was charged in November with lying to a grand jury about his use of performance-enhancing drugs.

In the motion filed in San Francisco federal court, the former San Francisco Giant

neither admits nor denies taking the drugs, but argues the questions asked by prosecutors during Bonds' December 2003 grand jury appearance were vague, ambiguous and confusing.

The lawyers said "the questions posed to him by two dif-

ferent prosecutors were frequently imprecise, redundant, overlapping and frequently compound."

Prosecutors asked Bonds several times whether personal trainer Greg Anderson supplied him with steroids and

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COMMUNITY SPORTS | POMOLITA BOYS' BASKETBALL

Pomolita 8th grade boys win Eagle Peak Tourney

Special to the Daily Journal

The Pomolita Panthers eighth grade boys basketball team participated in the Eagle Peak basketball tournament this past weekend. Due to a pool format six team bracket the Panthers had to play all three of their games on Saturday, January 19th.

In their first game of the tournament Pomolita opened up with the Middletown Broncos at 10 a.m. It was very competitive throughout but the Panthers just outlasted their opponent, 44-40.

The Panthers were led by Michael Starkey in this first game with his game-high 20 points, 10 coming in the critical fourth quarter. Miles Cajas-Sides added 13 points in the win.

In the semi-final game played four hours later, the Panthers took on Weimar Hills Warriors from the Sacramento Valley. The game was competitive throughout and in an absolute thriller, Pomolita emerged with a 37-35 win.

The Panthers started out strong, taking a 23-15 lead into the break but the Warriors came out firing in the third quarter, managing to outscore the Panthers 13-4 in the quarter.

Entering the fourth down by one, the Panthers never gave up. Both teams battled back and forth as lead changed hands several times. It got down to the final 10 seconds with



photo courtesy Pomolita 8th grade boys basketball

The Pomolita Panthers eighth grade boys basketball team poses for a photo with their new championship banner from tournament win over the weekend.

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Should it go
away just
because Tiger
Woods wants it
to go away?

By TIM DAHLBERG
Associated Press Columnist

Kelly Tilghman would surely like it all to go away, even if that one comment brought her and the Golf Channel more publicity than a season's worth of early-round telecasts.

So, too, would Tiger Woods. As his season begins, he would rather the talk about him be filled with the possibilities of a Grand Slam rather than images of a noose.

Usually the world's best golfer and arguably its most famous athlete gets what he wants both on and off the course. So when Woods says the controversy over Tilghman's remarks is over, he considers it just that.

Done. Finished. History. Ask him about the 5-wood he hit on No. 17 the other day instead of Tilghman's crack that other players should "lynch him in a back alley."

Actually, there were plenty of questions relating to golf when Woods made his first appearance of the year in the media tent at Torrey Pines on Wednesday. There should be, because he's about to embark on a season that could be one of the greatest in the history of golf.

The buzz is about Woods winning four major championships, something that hasn't been done in the same year since Bobby Jones did it in 1930. Woods himself came closest when he held all four majors in the 2000-01 season, and he seems more dominant — and confident — heading into this season.

Woods didn't discourage such talk, saying the Grand Slam is not unthinkable. And, of course, there's the new 5-wood that he's just absolutely stripping.

Inevitably, though, even the normally docile golf media was going to bring up the lynching comment, if only because this is Woods' first tournament of the year and Tilghman's first tournament since being suspended for two weeks. If nothing else, they needed a quote or a soundbite before allowing Woods to expand further on all things Tiger.

And that's about all they got before moving on to the real reason Woods was at Torrey Pines — to win his fourth straight Buick Invitational on the same course where the U.S. Open will be played five months from now.

Woods said he and Tilghman are friends, and that it was unfortunate that Golfweek magazine further inflamed matters by putting the image of a noose on its Jan. 19 cover — a decision that cost its editor his job.

And he wondered why, just because he's part African-American and fully famous, some think he should be more of a spokesman for those who have suffered injustice in their lives.

"I know there are people who want me to be a champion of all causes, and I just can't do that," Woods said. "This is not the first time this has happened."

No it's not, and the common link between them all is that Woods tries his best to stay as far above the fray as possible. He froze out Fuzzy Zoeller when Zoeller made his infamous "fried chicken" remark, but didn't try to use it as a public platform toward greater racial sensitivity. And he mostly kept quiet when controversy swirled at Augusta National over having women as members, saying that every club has the right to do what it wants when it comes to admitting women — or black golfers.

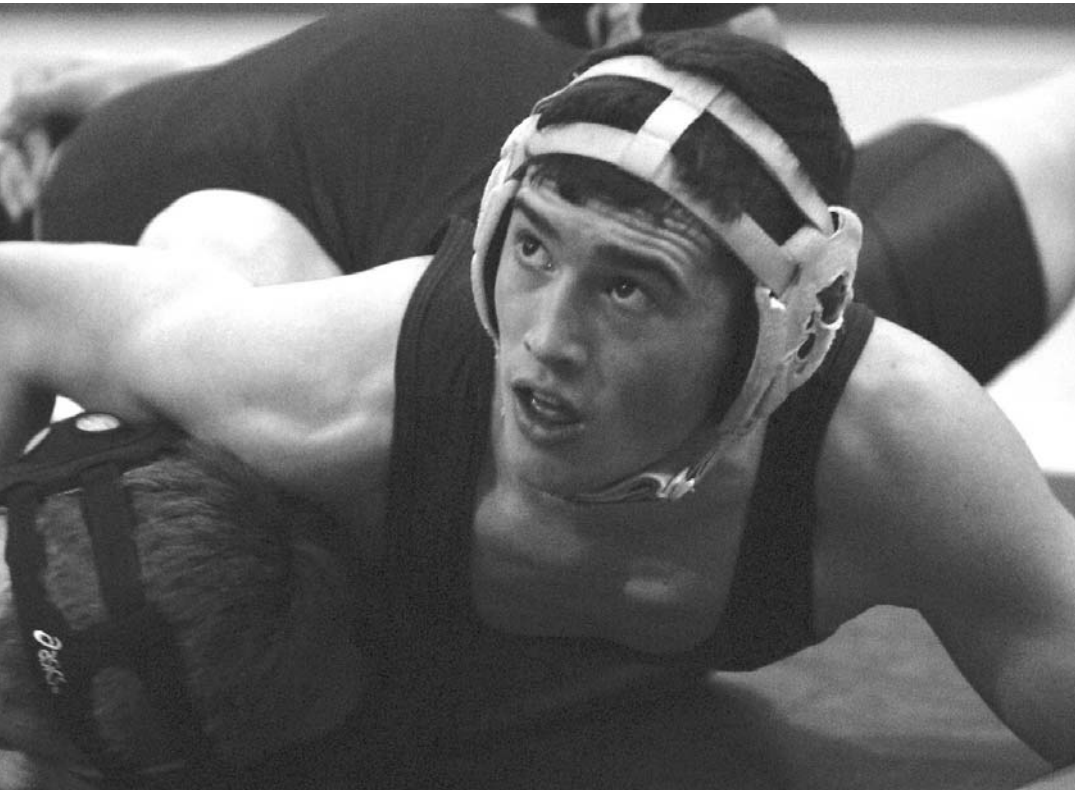
"It's unfortunate," Woods said in 2002, "But it's just the way it is."

The argument could be made that it's that way because people like Woods —

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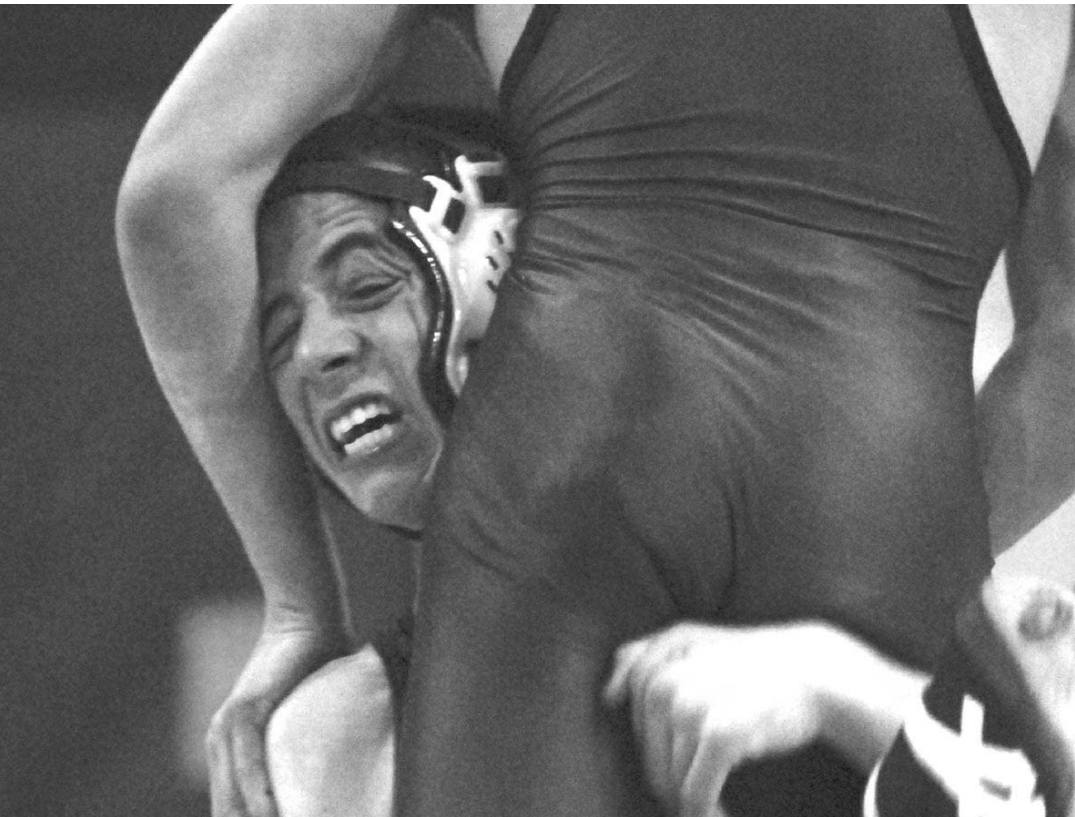
UHS | VARSITY WRESTLING

Wildcats top Maria Carrillo, 37-35



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Wildcat Tyler Busse checks his time during his 18-2 victory over Carrillo's Cole Lorenzen. Ukiah wrestling won their first match of the evening's meet vs. Maria Carrillo 37-35.



MacLeod Pappidas/The Daily Journal

Ukiah's Travis Mendoza (121) tries to flip Maria Carrillo's Sam Clarke before pinning him Wednesday.

NBA Recaps

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James scored 23 points, Zydrunas Ilgauskas had 24 without missing from the floor and the Cleveland Cavaliers destroyed the Washington Wizards 121-85 on Wednesday night for their season-high fifth straight victory.

Ilgauskas went 10-of-10 from the field and spent the entire fourth quarter resting on the bench.

After an uninspiring first two months, the Cavaliers have regrouped to win 11 of 13, and at the halfway point, they look more determined to defend their Eastern Conference title than at any other time this season.

James added eight rebounds and eight assists in just 31 minutes for the Cavs, who outrebounded the Wizards 53-29 and outscored them 69-39 after halftime.

It was Cleveland's most lopsided win since beating Philadelphia by 43 on Jan. 15, 1994.

Hornets 96, Trail Blazers 81

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Jannero Pargo scored a season-high 24 points in 24 minutes, and New Orleans extended its season-best winning streak to six games.

Pargo's 10-of-18 shooting, five assists and energy coming off the bench helped the Hornets overcome an early 12-point deficit and surge into the lead for good in the second quarter.

David West scored 18 for the Hornets, who have won 14 of 16 games and lead the Southwest Division after their best first half of a season in franchise history.

Chris Paul had 18 points and 10 assists for New Orleans.

LaMarcus Aldridge led Portland with 17 points. Brandon Roy and Travis Outlaw each had 14 for Portland, which wound up 3-4

on its seven-game road trip.

Raptors 114, Celtics 112

BOSTON (AP) — Jose Calderon converted a go-ahead, three-point play with 10.5 seconds left and finished with 24 points and 13 assists to lead Toronto past Boston.

Chris Bosh and Anthony Parker scored 23 points apiece for the Raptors, and Andrea Bargnani had 20 points, seven rebounds and seven assists. Carlos Delfino was 5-for-5 from 3-point range, and Calderon had four of Toronto's 15 3-pointers (in 21 tries).

Kevin Garnett scored 26 for Boston, which had won three in a row and hadn't lost to an Atlantic Division rival in 10 tries this season. Paul Pierce had 19 points and nine assists, and Ray Allen also scored 19 for Boston.

Toronto improved to 1-3 against Boston and moved 11 games behind the Celtics in the division.

Pistons 86, 76ers 78

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Richard Hamilton scored 21 points and Chauncey Billups had 19 to help the Pistons snap a rare three-game losing streak.

The Pistons still have the second-best record in the East, trailing only Boston, but entered trying to avoid their first four-game skid since 2004-05. The Pistons have won eight of their last nine games against the Sixers.

Willie Green scored 16 points, Andre Iguodala had 15 and Lou Williams 13 for the slumping Sixers. Philadelphia has lost 10 of 12 and what few fans turned out left in droves in the fourth.

Timberwolves 117, Suns 107

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Al Jefferson had a career-high 39 points and 15 rebounds, and the Timberwolves won two in a row for the first time this season.

Amare Stoudemire led Phoenix with 33 points, but only 19 of them came in the last 43 minutes. The Suns, whose 30-13 record is behind only Boston for league supremacy, had their four-game winning streak stopped.

Magic 112, Grizzlies 85

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Hedo Turkoglu scored 26 points, and Orlando Magic made a team-record 18 3-pointers.

Turkoglu was 6-of-8 outside the arc for Orlando, which hit 55 percent of its 3s. The Magic's previous record for 3-pointers was 16 against the Atlanta Hawks on April 18, 1996.

Dwight Howard and Rashard Lewis scored 16 points apiece for the Magic, and Howard grabbed 10 rebounds. Keyon Dooling finished with 13 points, and Maurice Evans scored 12.

Rudy Gay led Memphis with 20 points, and Pau Gasol had 17 points and 11 rebounds. Mike Conley had 13 points.

Mavericks 102, Bobcats 95

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Devin Harris scored 23 points, Josh Howard added 21 points and 12 rebounds and Dallas withstood a late rally by Charlotte.

Dirk Nowitzki had 20 points and eight rebounds for the Mavericks, who improved to 7-0 all-time against Charlotte.

Gerald Wallace had 22 points and 11 rebounds despite playing with a strained left calf. Jason Richardson also scored 22 points and Emeka Okafor had 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Bobcats, who lost their second straight game.

It was the first matchup between Dallas coach Avery Johnson and his former assistant Sam Vincent, in his first season as Charlotte's coach.

Dahlberg

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who doesn't want to say anything controversial when sponsors are paying him millions — don't use their positions to influence issues. Woods has never been averse to throwing his weight around on golf matters, but he doesn't take active stands on social issues, even when they are dumped in his lap.

It's easy to see how Woods might dismiss the lynching comment as nothing to get excited about because there probably wasn't much talk of it in the middle-class Southern California neighborhood where he was raised. He might not understand what the imagery of a noose means to folks more familiar with the stories behind what Tuskegee University estimates were 3,466 lynchings of black people in the United States from 1882 to 1968.

Others, though, do understand and would have felt heartened had Woods spoken out before the Rev. Al Sharpton and Golfweek made it an issue he couldn't ignore — and then added nothing to the debate.

Woods points out — and rightfully so — that he's involved in social issues every day of his life through charitable work that includes the Tiger Woods Learning Center in Anaheim, which has already reached more than 16,000 kids in just two years. Those kind of things are his focus, he says, and he's turned lives around because of it.

Woods was at the center on Monday for the unveiling of a bronze statue of him, his arm wrapped around the shoulder of his late father. Beneath the statue was an inscription of a quote from Earl Woods:

"I challenge you to make a difference in the world, to reach higher and farther than you ever imagined."

Words to live by, even when they have nothing to do with golf.

Bonds

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other performance-enhancing drugs beginning in 2000. Bonds answered "no" or "not at all," but his lawyers argued the questions were not clear.

Bonds' lawyers asked U.S. District Judge Susan Illston to toss the case or order prosecutors to streamline the indictment, which cites 19 different instances of Bonds' alleged lying but only charges him with four counts of perjury and one count of obstruction. Bonds, a free agent, has pleaded not guilty to four charges of perjury and one count of obstruction.

Prosecutor Matt Parrella declined comment.

Such motions to dismiss cases are frequently filed but rarely granted in federal criminal cases, but the court papers offer an early glimpse at Bonds' legal strategy. Legal experts said that prosecutors will have to prove not only that Bonds lied but that their questions in front of the grand jury were direct and open to as little interpretation as possible to convict Major League Baseball's new home run king.

Former Olympic bicyclist Tammy Thomas, who is also charged with lying about her drug use, similarly argued for dismissal of her case last year because she said that multiple alleged instances of her lying were lumped confusingly into a single charge.

U.S. District Judge Susan Illston, who is hearing all cases related to a steroids ring based at the now defunct Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, has not ruled on Thomas' motion. But the judge appeared skeptical of Thomas' argument during a hearing late last year.

Illston is scheduled to hear from Bonds' legal team on Feb. 29.

Bonds' lawyers wrote that "some portions of the indictment are so vague that it is simply impossible to be certain what untruths Mr. Bonds is alleged to have uttered."

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NHL | SAN JOSE
Sharks snap skid, Evgeni Nabokov makes big saves late in 3-2 win over Blackhawks

By GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press

SAN JOSE — Joe Pavelski scored a shorthanded goal, Christian Ehrhoff finally got his first goal of the season and the San Jose Sharks snapped a four-game losing streak with a 3-2 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks on Tuesday night.

Sandis Ozolinsh also scored and Evgeni Nabokov made 28 saves for the Sharks, who improved the Western Conference’s worst home record by holding on through a tense third period against the Blackhawks, whose four-game winning streak ended. San Jose fell out of first place during its longest skid of the season, but regained its form with a solid defensive game against a surging opponent.

Adam Burish scored his first NHL goal midway through the third period for the Blackhawks, who are winless in nine straight meetings with the Sharks, including seven straight trips to San Jose. Jack Skille also scored, and Patrick Lalime stopped 20 shots in his first regulation loss since Dec. 16.

San Jose’s win and Dallas’ loss to Columbus again tightened the three-team race atop the Pacific Division. The Stars lead with 61 points, while Anaheim has 60 and San Jose 59.

Several Sharks saw their four-game homestand before

the All-Star break as a measure of their readiness to earn a top spot in the Western Conference, but San Jose opened the series with decisive losses to Dallas and Detroit last week. The Sharks finish the homestand against St. Louis on Thursday.

Nabokov had allowed 15 goals in three games since sitting out for the first time this season last Tuesday. But the All-Star was spectacular against the Blackhawks, diving and scrambling around his crease for several jaw-dropping saves.

After Skille scored for Chicago less than 5 minutes in, the Sharks equalized when Ozolinsh flipped home a backhand for his first goal since Dec. 8. The veteran defenseman was benched for seven of San Jose’s previous nine games.

San Jose went ahead late in the second period on a heady play by Pavelski, who caught prized Chicago rookie Patrick Kane loafing on the point during a power play. When Kane was slow to retrieve a loose puck, Pavelski scooted past him and beat Lalime for his 10th goal of the season, his first shorthanded.

Ehrhoff then scored a power-play goal less than 3 minutes later when his shot from the blue line slipped underneath Lalime, who was screened by Joe Thornton. Ehrhoff’s defense has

improved this season, and he ranks third on the team with 16 assists — but the German defenseman hadn’t scored a goal in his first 44 games of the season.

The teams played a chippy game, with several scrums after whistles. Duncan Keith, the Blackhawks’ All-Star defenseman, got a four-minute roughing penalty in the third period for a gloved punch to Pavelski’s head after the whistle.

Right after the penalty ended, Burish capitalized on some defensive confusion to sneak behind three Sharks for his first goal in 58 career NHL games. Burish captained the University of Wisconsin’s 2006 NCAA championship team, which also included Pavelski and Skille.

Notes: The Blackhawks return to San Jose on Feb. 2. ... C Tomas Plihal made his season debut for the Sharks, centering a line with under-achieving veterans Patrick Marleau and Jonathan Cheechoo. San Jose recalled Plihal, who played his first three NHL games with the Sharks last season, on Sunday after Curtis Brown injured his hand. Plihal made the Sharks’ roster out of training camp, but spent two months on injured reserve before going to the minors. ... Chicago RW Martin Lapointe missed his fourth straight game with a bruised kidney.

Panthers

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Pomolita still trailing by one, but with four seconds left Cajas-Sides took the inbound pass, took two dribbles to the top of the key at the three-point line, pump-faked to get the defender in the air and nailed it as the buzzer sounded.

The local crowd and Pomolita players erupted with joy cheering and jumping up and down. Team captain, Michael Starkey, led the way with 22 points including a buzzer-beater of his own -- at the end of the first half in which he had 17 points. Co-captain and hero of the game, Cajas-Sides, finished with eight points including the game-winner. Franky Rodriguez had two points and did a great job on the glass and Trenton Higgins made a

three pointer of his own.

In the Championship game at 7 p.m. for their third game of the day, the Panthers faced Seven Hills from Nevada City.

Pomolita showed their maturity and desire to win, prevailing over Seven Hills by a score of 31-23 to take the Championship. With the title came an automatic entry into the prestigious 64 team Crescent City Qualifying Tournament on March 7-8.

The Panthers were once again led by the dominant inside post play of Michael Starkey who scored a game-high 16 points and walked away with an All-Tournament selection.

Cajas-Sides was also selected for the All-Tournament team as he completed a great tournament with nine points. Rodriguez received the selection as well for his defensive intensity.

The entire team, though, played great. Oswaldo Segura added a fourth All-Tournament selection for the Panthers because of his excellent point guard play; Paul Walia and Dante Henderson contributed strongly at the guard spots; Jack Selzer and Jacob Boudreaux rebounded well while playing awesome interior defense.

The Pomolita boys have are 12-1 this season. Their next games will be in the Pomolita Classic starting on Friday at 4 p.m. The championship game begins at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. All games will be at the Pomolita Middle School gym and the other participating teams are: Washington M.S. Eagles (Cloverdale), Crescent Elk Cougars (Crescent City), Terrace Vikings (Lakeport), Creekside (Rohnert Park), Eagle Peek (Redwood Valley) and the Kenilworth Kolts (Petaluma).

UHS | BOYS’ BASKETBALL
Ukiah freshmen roll past Cardinals

Special to the Daily Journal

On Wednesday evening, the Ukiah freshmen boys basketball team improved to 13-4 overall and 6-1 in NBL play with a hard-fought, 57-50 win over Cardinal Newman.

Newman’s ability to get second chance opportunities saw them end the first quarter with a 12-11 lead. The Cats tightened their defense, pushed the ball up court and by halftime, had comeback to take a 28-23 lead.

The surge was lead by Dominic Eaquinto with 11 points in the half.

Both teams’ intensity was evident in the third quarter, as full court pressure created numerous turnovers, aided by Eaquintos slashing drives to the bucket.

Ukiah ended the quarter with a 44-40 lead. Though Newman never relented, Ukiah’s ability to make their free throws (15 of 21) staved off any Newman thoughts of an upset.

The Wildcats’ 57-50 win kept them in the race for the mythical freshmen league championship.



photo courtesy Ukiah freshmen basketball

Wildcats’ freshmen Dominic Eaquinto rises for a jumper in the first half of the team’s game against Cardinal Newman on Wednesday evening. Eaquinto finished with a dominant well-rounded performance of 18 points, seven boards and six assists in the win.

Nate Henry led all scorers with a stellar double-double of 22 points and 11 rebounds while Eaquinto by most accounts had his best game of the year with 18 points, seven rebounds and six assists.

A jubilant freshmen head coach Tim Conrad remarked

after the game, “This was a complete team effort...the kids played extremely hard.

“We won the game on the line where in the past we’ve struggled a bit.”

The Wildcats take on Montgomery on Thursday in Santa Rosa at 4:30 p.m.

Tennis

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black again for a night match. “He’s dangerous when he’s even behind in the game. He made some incredible shots.”

Blake’s feelings about Federer were similar — to a point.

“He seems like one of the guys in the locker room,” Blake said. “Then you go out there, he beats you. You come back in the locker room and he’s one of the guys.”

This was high-quality tennis, and the fans in packed Rod Laver Arena were on the edge of their seats as neither player gave an inch.

With a tiebreaker looming in the first set, Federer was at his usual best under pressure, breaking Blake as he served at 5-6.

Blake saved two set points while serving at 4-5 in the second set and three more after falling behind 6-2 in the tiebreaker. But there are only so many escapes possible against Federer, who finally cashed his sixth set point.

Federer was cruising at 5-1 in the third set when Blake, refusing to yield, ran off three straight games. Federer finally held to finish it.

“I really went in thinking I had a good chance to win,”

Blake said. “I thought I played pretty well. But he came up with some of his best at the right times, and that was the difference.”

Serbia has a population of 10 million — half the size of Australia, which has zero home players left here. Despite a shortage of facilities, the country is churning out good players, just like the rest of Eastern Europe.

Russia’s Maria Sharapova, ranked fifth, plays No. 3 Jankovic next, while No. 4 Ivanovic will play No. 9 Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia, who beat Poland’s Agnieszka Radwanska 6-2, 6-2 Wednesday.

Ivanovic had never won a set off Williams in four meetings, including the semifinals at Wimbledon and the fourth round at the U.S. Open. But she has improved her fitness dramatically, and it showed. Williams, her left thigh heavily taped, put in a lackluster performance.

“I’m just so, so happy I managed to step up and keep my composure,” the 20-year-old Ivanovic said.

Neither player showed any respect for the other’s serve. The first set had six consecutive breaks. Williams shook her head and sighed after her 21 unforced errors.

Williams turned it around

to start the second set, rushing to a 3-0 lead. She was really pounding the ball, her grunts of exertion sounding nearly like screams.

Ivanovic refused to wilt. She broke back, then ran off the last three games, rallying from 15-40 as she served for the match.

“I have to give a lot of credit to her,” Williams said. “She played really well, made a lot of good shots. She’s definitely improved on everything in her game. That’s really what it takes at this level. You want to keep improving and playing, because we’re all improving.”

Djokovic pounded his big serve and mixed up his baseline game against Ferrer, keeping the Spaniard constantly on the run and moaning when he had to sprint in for a number of well-disguised drop shots.

Djokovic started to lose his composure toward the end, yelling at the crowd for shouting while he served.

“There’s no excuse for that. I was very nervous and was behaving very badly, I’m very sorry about that,” Djokovic said. “I have a lot of expectations and pressure, and sometimes it’s difficult to stay calm on the court. But I’m working on that.”

SCOREBOARD

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EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
New Jersey	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	28	17	3	59	122	111
Philadelphia	27	17	4	58	140	129
N.Y. Islanders	26	16	5	57	156	135
N.Y. Rangers	24	19	6	54	123	137
N.Y. Rangers	23	21	6	52	122	128
Northeast Division						
Ottawa	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	30	15	4	64	166	141
Boston	25	15	8	58	150	133
Florida	24	19	5	53	125	132
Buffalo	20	21	6	46	140	138
Toronto	19	22	8	46	138	160
Southeast Division						
Carolina	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta	24	24	4	52	158	170
Washington	23	25	3	49	140	173
Florida	22	21	5	49	143	152
Tampa Bay	22	24	4	48	127	143
Tampa Bay	20	24	5	45	141	160
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
Detroit	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	36	10	4	76	172	109
Columbus	25	20	4	54	143	134
Chicago	24	20	6	54	127	126
St. Louis	23	22	4	50	139	142
St. Louis	22	18	6	50	120	129
Northwest Division						
Calgary	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	25	17	8	58	146	143
Colorado	27	19	3	57	135	136
Vancouver	26	19	4	56	136	135
Edmonton	25	19	5	55	128	119
Edmonton	22	24	5	49	136	155
Pacific Division						
Dallas	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	28	19	5	61	153	136
Anaheim	27	18	6	60	133	132
San Jose	26	15	7	59	125	118
Phoenix	25	21	2	52	131	131
Los Angeles	19	29	2	40	140	168

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Tuesday’s Games									
N.Y. Islanders 6, Carolina 3									
New Jersey 7, Philadelphia 3									
N.Y. Rangers 4, Atlanta 0									
Montreal 8, Boston 2									
Florida 5, Ottawa 3									
Tampa Bay 4, Edmonton 3									
Columbus 4, Dallas 0									
Nashville 4, Colorado 0									
Calgary 2, Minnesota 1									
San Jose 3, Chicago 0									
Detroit 3, Los Angeles 0									
Wednesday’s Games									
Toronto 3, Washington 2									
Detroit 2, Anaheim 1									
Vancouver 3, St. Louis 2, SO									
Thursday’s Games									
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Montreal at New Jersey, 4 p.m.									
Toronto at Washington, 4 p.m.									
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.									
Edmonton at Florida, 4:30 p.m.									
Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 4:30 p.m.									
Atlanta at N.Y. Rangers, 5 p.m.									
Buffalo at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.									
Columbus at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.									
Minnesota at Colorado, 6 p.m.									
Nashville at Phoenix, 6 p.m.									
St. Louis at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.									
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.									
Friday’s Games									
No games scheduled									
Saturday’s Games									
No games scheduled									
Sunday’s Games									
All-Star Game at Atlanta, 3 p.m.									

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BILLBOARD

Handley Cellars to present 4th annual ‘Art in the Cellar’ on Feb. 1, 2, and 3

On Feb. 1, 2, and 3, Anderson Valley artists will display some of their larger works in an annual exhibit hosted by Handley Cellars. “Art In The Cellar” showcases local artists’ work against the backdrop of Handley’s wine cellar. During the three-day show, from noon to 4 p.m. each day, special sales and tastings will be offered to visitors who come to view the display of large-format pieces in various medium.

In conjunction with the event, Handley conducts a raffle to benefit Anderson Valley Arts, a non-profit supporting local art programs. In a gesture of encouragement to aspiring young artists, many participants in the show have donated smaller works to the raffle. The drawing for these pieces, along with the grand prize, a two-night stay in Handley’s historic Ranch House, will take place during the week following the exhibit.

Exhibiting artists include Evelyn Ashton, Anjes DeRyck, Antoinette von Grone, Stan Peskett, Susan Spencer, Nancy MacLeod, Bill Allen, Marvin and Colleen Schenck, Gary Church, Jim Ellison, Maire Palme.

Handley Cellars is located at 3151 Highway 128, in Anderson Valley between the towns of Philo and Navarro. Information is available at 895-3876.

Kevin and the Coconuts perform on Saturday, Feb. 2

Kevin and the Coconuts Calypso steelband will perform at the Hill House Inn of Mendocino on Saturday, Feb. 2. The festivities will include dancing, libations and light fare, with the doors opening at 7 p.m., and the program beginning at 7:30 p.m. Entrance fees will be on a sliding scale, from \$5 to \$15.

For more information, check the Mendocino Stories web site at www.mendocinostories.com/events, or call Pattie at 937-1732.

Deke Dickerson to perform live on Sunday, Feb. 3

KZYX&Z will present Deke Dickerson live at the Caspar Inn. Dickerson is known for his for his old-time country, rock and roll, rhythm and blues, doo-wop, and surf guitar style.

This 21 and over event will be held on Sunday, Feb. 3, at the Capar Inn, 14957 Caspar Rd., in Caspar. The show will begin at 8 p.m., and run until 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door, with the proceeds benefitting KZYX&Z.

For more information, call 895-2324 or visit www.kzyx.org.

Event of the Heart: Midnight at the Oasis set for Feb. 9

The 21st annual Event of the Heart: Midnight at the Oasis will be held on Saturday Feb. 9 at Carl Purdy Hall at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds in Ukiah. The Mendocino Wine Company Reception begins at 6 p.m. with appetizers, belly dancers, and the display of live and silent auction items donated by local businesses. At 7 p.m., a Mediterranean dinner including Greek salad, rice pilaf, chicken kabobs or spanokopita, baklava and ravini will be served by Zach’s Catering. The live auction begins at 8 p.m. and the silent auction closes at 9:30 p.m. when Rootstock will begin playing dance music, until mid-

night. The raffle drawing will occur at 11 p.m. for a grand prize of over \$2,000 of local goods and services.

The Event of the Heart is hosted by the Mendocino County AIDS Volunteer Network (MCAVN) for the benefit for persons affected by HIV/HCV. MCAVN provides HIV/HCV prevention and care services.

Tickets for the dinner/dance are \$60; dance-only tickets are \$10. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. To reserve your place at the table, send a check to MCAVN, P. O. Box 1350, Ukiah, CA 95482, call 462-1932 or e-mail info@mcavn.org. Tickets are also available at Mendocino Book Company, Ukiah Natural Foods, and Leaves of Grass.

Benefit event with Cajun style music set for Feb. 2

The Good Bayou Boys will provide live Cajun style music for a benefit event by at the Ukiah Methodist Church on Saturday, Feb. 2, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Free dance lessons will be also be provided.

Advance ticket prices are \$8 for general admission, and \$6. for seniors and students. Prices at the door will be \$1 more. Tickets are available now at Dig. Music and at the church, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Redwood Empire Lions’ annual Crab Feed set for Feb. 10

On Feb. 10, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. the Redwood Empire Lions Club will hold their 35th annual Crab Feed at Carl Purdy Hall, Ukiah Fairgrounds.

The price of the meals will be \$25 for adults and \$12.50 for children 10 years and under. These tickets may be obtained by calling Marge at 463-2238 or Sandy at 621-2563.

There will be a live auction and prize drawings during the event.

All proceeds from this event will be used to serve those in need in this community.

‘Olaf Palm: His Place, His Time’ exhibition set for Feb. 14 to March 16

The Mendocino College Art Gallery will present “Olaf Palm: His Place, His Time,” an exhibit of paintings with accompanying text by Irene D. Thomas, from Feb. 14 through March 16. An opening reception will be held on Thursday, Feb. 14, from 4 to 6 p.m.

The gallery’s regular hours are 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., and by special appointment.

For more information, call 468-3207, or e-mail gallery@mendocino.edu.

‘Be My Valentine’ dance and buffet set for Feb. 16

Soroptimist International of Willits and the Harrah Senior Center present “Be My Valentine” sweetheart Dance and Buffet on Saturday, Feb. 16, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The event is a fundraiser to benefit the Wm F. Harrah Senior Center’s activities. “Big band” music will be presented by DJ Gene Hoggren.

The buffet will include a variety of hot and cold edibles, and

an assortment of desserts. Wine will be available for \$2 a glass. Tickets are \$15 each, available from any Soroptimist member, at the Senior Center’s front desk, or at the door.

The Harrah Senior Center is located at 1501 Bachtel Road, Willits.

Upper Lake 4-H tri-tip dinner set for Feb. 16

The Upper Lake 4-H club will hold their annual tri-tip dinner on Feb. 16, from 5 to 8 p.m. Meals will go for \$9.50 for adults and \$5 for children under 10.

Burke Schuchmann and Richard Cionco to perform on Feb. 27

Burke Schuchmann will return to Mendocino on Sunday Jan. 27. The pianist Richard Cionco will join Mr. Schuchmann in concert on the FBCA Music Series.

The duo will perform Bach’s Adagio from Toccata in C Major, Beethoven’s Sonata in A major, Schumann’s Fantasy Pieces and Piazzolla’s Grand Tango. Cionco will also perform Lizst’s Santa Dorothea and Arvo Pärt’s Fur Alina and Spiegel im Spiegel. The concert will be in Preston Hall on Sunday Feb. 27 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20 (\$17 for seniors) and are available in Fort Bragg at Fiddles and Cameras, at Moore Books in Mendocino, and at the door. For more information, call 937-1018.

Hit and Run Theater and Friends performance set for Feb. 29

Hit and Run Theater and Friends presents a Sadie Hawkins Improv show on Friday, Feb. 29. General admission tickets are \$10. The show will take place at the Mendocino Hotel’s Garden Room. The doors will open at 6 p.m., and the program will start at 7 p.m.

For more information, check the Mendocino Stories web site at www.mendocinostories.com/events, or call Pattie at 937-1732.

Inland Valley Women’s Chorus meets on Tuesdays

The Inland Valley Women’s Chorus invites women interested in singing to join them. Those interested in joining them don’t need experience in a chorus, or even to be able to read music. The Inland Valley Women’s Chorus welcomes all interested women to join them, and try. No auditioning is required.

IWVC sings songs of peace, joy, social justice, and healing. Some of the songs are written by its members and friends, some are from around the world; some are simple chants, some take some work.

The chorus performs for special events, such as Project Sanctuary’s Clothesline Project, Martin Luther King Jr. and Diversity Day and Women’s History events, and usually a late Spring concert. Performing is optional.

Inland Valley Women’s Chorus meets Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Ukiah, through June. They meet at the Center for Positive Living, 741 S. Oak St. (just north of Gobbi).

For more information, contact director Madge Strong, 459-6675 or mstrong@willitsonline.com.

Film

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her sister dating and advancing on the one love of her life besides her overactive life in weddings?

“27 Dresses” was a great comedy that has something for everyone.

I loved how universal the storyline was and something that pretty much everyone, no matter where you are, can relate to; the thought of unknown love that is tucked away and never really released because of the idea that it can’t happen due to inoperable circumstances.

Costumes for this production were great. A lot of this story takes place at weddings, so much consideration has been taken in order to make everything authentic.

Then, when not at some type of wedding or focusing on all of Jane’s bridesmaids dresses, they are dressed in upper class wardrobes built to withstand the look of real office life in New York.

The acting in this film was absolutely great. After seeing the start of Katherine Heigl’s career in such a film as “Knocked Up” I definitely felt that her acting skills could be

put to much better use and this movie really shows her owning up to her abilities.

I also really enjoyed Judy Greer’s performance as Jane’s best friend. Many of the movies she has been in recently within the past few years have kind of been the angry more aggressive character which isn’t to say that this character in “27 Dresses” is no different, but it has its own spin on her emotions. Even though she still may be the slightly angry best friend she has this side of her that evokes an understanding that even though people will act like her it isn’t always the right thing that occurs in that state of emotion.

Finally Malin Akerman has done a great job in this film. After seeing her in “The Heartbreak Kid” as an overbearing, crazy, newlywed as on onlooker I never saw a real acting talent come out of that film. Being as she is so new to the silver screen she has really brought herself into the spotlight of acting and I believe that she worked hard on this more serious piece.

I highly recommend “27 Dresses” as a great comedy and love story for people of all ages.

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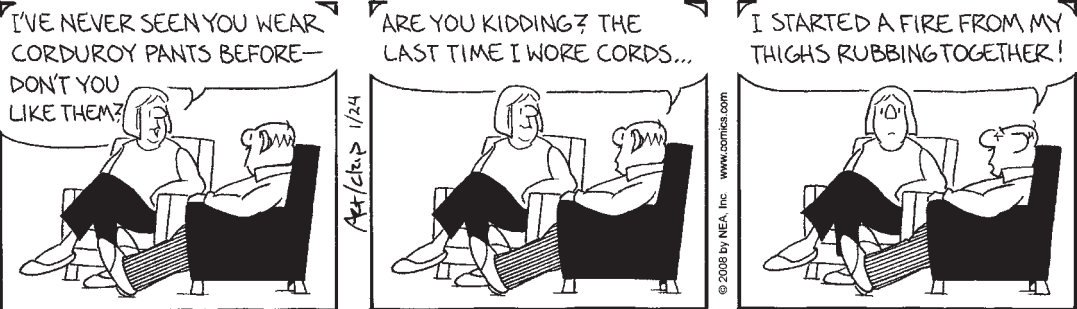
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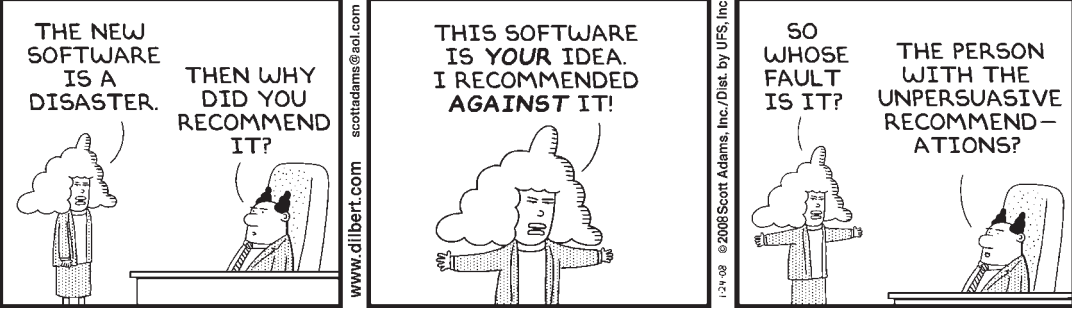
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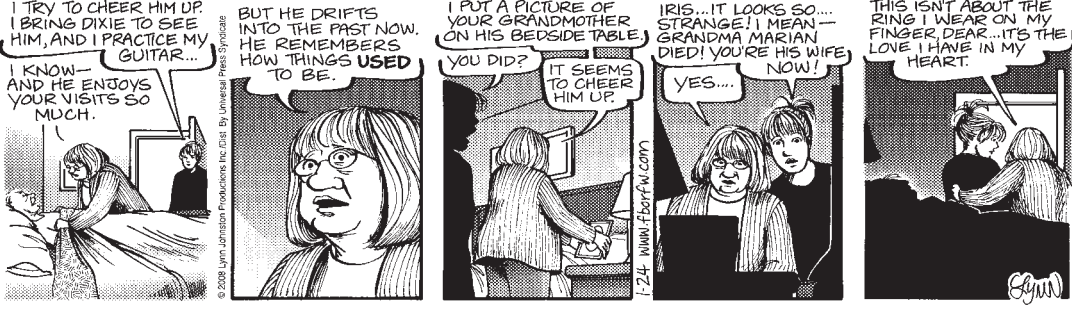
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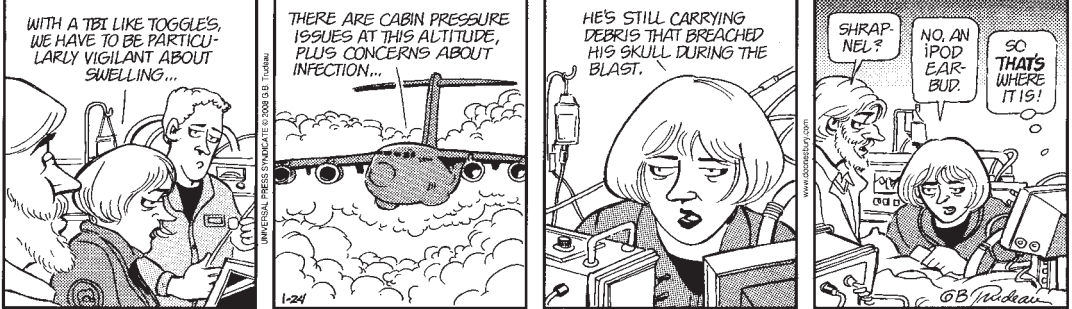
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

by Dik Browne



Datebook: Thursday, Jan. 24, 2008

Today is the 24th day of 2008 and the 34th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1848, gold was discovered at Sutter's Mill in California, setting off the California Gold Rush.

In 1965, Winston Churchill died at the age of 90.

In 2003, Tom Ridge was sworn in as the first secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Pierre de Beaumarchais (1732-1799), playwright; Edith

Wharton (1862-1937), novelist; Robert Motherwell (1915-1991), artist; Oral Roberts (1918-), evangelist, is 90; Neil Diamond (1941-), singer/songwriter, is 67; John Belushi (1949-1982), comic actor; Mary Lou Retton (1968-), Olympic gold medalist, is 40; Mischa Barton (1986-), actress, is 22.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1980, Fred Wilpon and Nelson Doubleday bought the New York Mets for an estimated \$21.1 million, at the time the most ever paid for a baseball franchise.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Songs are life in 80 words or less." -- Neil Diamond

TODAY'S FACT: Seventy-three years ago today, canned beer went on sale for the first time, in Richmond, Va.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Jan. 22) and last quarter (Jan. 30).



ASTROGRAPH

By Bernice Bede Osol



Friday, Jan. 25, 2008

Some of your larger successes in the year ahead may come about through intuitive hunches rather than from sheer logic alone, so anytime you get a feeling about something, don't dismiss it lightly because it could be your ticket

to success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- A joint endeavor in which you are involved may demonstrate a big lack of parity when the greater parts of the burden fall on you. Unless you can set things right, you might want to rethink the partnership.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Don't allow anyone to rush you into taking a position before you've had a chance to

review all contingencies. If you respond irresponsibly under pressure, chances are you'll regret it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- In your haste to get things done, you have a tendency to put the cart ahead of the horse. If you are working on a complex assignment, take extra time to use proper procedures so you don't get in trouble.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Some social plans you have on the calendar will be changed at the last minute, so instead of making a big stink about it, bite the bullet and go along with it or you will spoil your own fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- An established objective that you thought would be a

breeze may instead turn out to be a never-ending task, causing one problem after another. Don't get discouraged because of the delays.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Usually you are the type of person who checks things out thoroughly before getting into anything, but instead, you might fall in love with a hare-brained idea and jump head first into an empty hole.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Check things out before volunteering to manage something that is destined to be more costly than anyone anticipates. You may not want to be the one who is blamed for what transpires.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Your mate or partner might be the faster thinker, but

remember that does not necessarily mean his or her judgment is superior to yours. Take ample time to add your say, and hash things out so that mistakes aren't made.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Your concentration may not be up to its usual standards, so think twice before starting a project that takes deep focus and attention to detail. If need be, postpone what needs doing until another time.

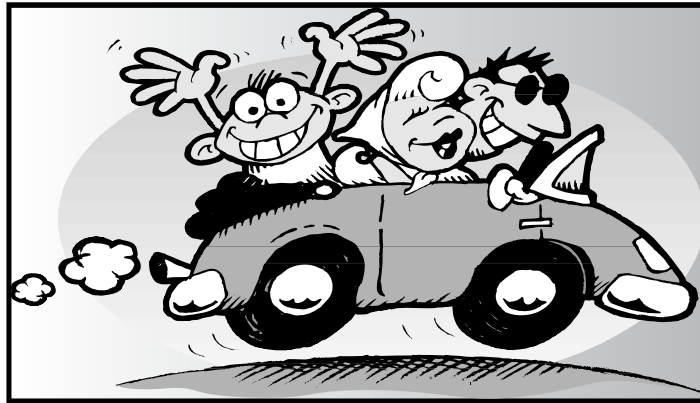
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Unless you are very diplomatic about handling things, you could hurt a friend's feelings by inadvertently making it obvious you'd rather be in the company of someone else. Be very careful about what you say.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-

Dec. 21) -- Continuity of purpose is the first rule for being effective at whatever it is you are striving for. It isn't likely you will fulfill your expectations if you go about things in fits and starts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Be careful when in the presence of someone who is a skilled inquisitor that he or she doesn't get you to spill the beans about a confidential matter. Others involved will hold you accountable.

Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker wheel can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.



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28 Miss America host of yore
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31 Courtyards
33 "Maria —"
34 Jungle squawker
35 Pirate's quaff
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39 Proposal
40 Theory

42 Spiky hair style
44 Mortarboard wearer
46 Host with a book club
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54 Musical rattle
55 Diner favorite
56 Walking on air
57 Languished
58 Civilizes

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23 Cancun toast

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THE LEARNING CHALLENGER

by Robert Barnett

DIRECTIONS:

A. Using each "Chaos Grid" number with its letter one time, arrange the numbers with their letters for the "Order Grid" so each vertical column, horizontal row, and two diagonals each ADD to numbers inside thick lined cells.

B. Some correct numbers with their letters have been put into the "Order Grid" to get you started. Also, above the "Order Grid" is a "Decoded Message" clue.

C. After you have solved the "Order Grid" doing as direction "A" says, put the letters from horizontal rows, from left to right, under "Decoded Message" and make words to form the answer.

CHAOS GRID

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CLUE: CT NOTABLES

ORDER GRID

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ANSWERS IN NEXT EDITION

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Answers to Previous Learning Challenger

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: F equals V

" E K H N Y H D L Y H J K L B D J Z L C J X H D L D S W E Z Y J S I , O E H D L K L B J Z G N Z O Y J X W N Y L K C E Z B H K E F E N I . "

- H D L J B J K L B K L N Y L K

PREVIOUS SOLUTION — "Writing is like getting married. One should never commit oneself until one is amazed at one's luck." - Iris Murdoch

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Print answer here:

Yesterday's Jumbles: FROZE LUSTY JIGGLE TEACUP
Answer: What the boss did when he went to bed facing a big decision — "SLEPT" ON IT

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

This is a big place, Homer

ANY WAY YOU LOOK AT IT, THIS PERTAINS TO A CITY.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Woman is seeing her ex-husband's girlfriend's ex-husband

Dear Annie: My husband and I are separated and he moved in with his girlfriend six weeks ago.

A few weeks ago, I had to call the girlfriend's husband in order to pass along some information. "Harris" and I met for dinner and haven't stopped calling each other since. We occasionally meet for coffee or drinks. There is an attraction that gets stronger each time.

I have met Harris' children and my kids have met him. However, our spouses have no idea we are seeing each other. I realize we are not the ones who broke up the marriages, but I just don't know whether this is proper.

We seem so compatible. Should we continue this relationship at a slow pace to see where it takes us, or must we go our separate ways? - Waiting Patiently

Dear Waiting: If there is a possibility that your husband or Harris' wife will attempt a reconciliation, you might not want to pursue a relationship. It is always risky to become

ANNIE'S MAILBOX

By Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar

involved with someone who is still legally married. However, if reconciliation is out of the question and divorce is imminent, you may date whomever you wish. Your respective spouses may not like it, mainly because it means you have managed to find happiness without them, but it's not their call. If you can handle some awkward family gatherings, there is nothing otherwise improper about dating your ex-husband's current girlfriend's ex-husband. (Whew.)

Dear Annie: My friend "Tina" constantly sends me e-mail chain letters. Usually the subject line says, "Send this back to me," and the body of the e-mail is some sentimental sappy

poem about friendship or cute graphics of angels or kittens, and then -- drumroll, please - - comes the chain mail threat. You know, the one that says, "Send this back to the person who sent it to you and then forward it to 15 of your friends within 24 hours or you'll have bad luck for a year." It usually includes an example of some anonymous person who deleted the e-mail and was subsequently hit by a bus.

Yes, it's complete and utter superstitious nonsense and I find it very annoying. And those people who actually believe this tripe can be emotionally affected if the chain breaks. What kind of "friend" would do that to another?

I never, ever, answer these or forward them, which is beginning to bother Tina. She's not a bad person -- just superstitious. How can I gently tell her that, as much as I value our friendship, I'd rather she stop sending these ridiculous things to me? -- Deliberately Missing Link in Virginia

Dear Virginia: Tell Tina you appreciate her sentimental good wishes, but you absolutely will not follow the directions in chain letters or

pass them along. Let her know if she keeps sending them your direction, you can guarantee the chain will be broken. She may be disappointed, but it should solve your problem.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Friends Go Dutch," who said women who just want to be friends should pay their own way.

I agree that friends should share the cost of meals when they go out, but his remark that "she shouldn't be accepting generosity that creates obligation" really irked me. Since when are women obligated to go to bed with a man because they are dating? All she owes him for a meal is a "thank you." If a man is buying a woman dinner and expecting sexual favors in return, he might as well just leave the money on the nightstand, if you get my drift. -- Disgusted in Arizona

Dear Arizona: We agree that women do not owe sexual favors for a free dinner, but when men bear the entire cost of dating, they believe the woman is interested in a romantic, eventually intimate, relationship. They otherwise feel used and resent it. Whether justified or not, women would be wise to keep it in mind.

THURSDAY EVENING											
1/24/08	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
BROADCAST CHANNELS											
(2)	News	Friends	Friends	Seinfeld	You Smarter?	Don't Forget the Lyrics!	Ten O'clock News	Seinfeld			
(4)	News (N)	Extra (N)	Hollywood	Chuck Chuck learns. (N)	Cel. Apprentice	(01) Chuck (N)	News (N)	News (N)			
(5)	News (N)	Eye-Bay	Judge J.	CSI: NY	CSI: Crime Scn	Without a Trace	News (N)	News (N)			
(6)	News (N)	Jeopardy!	Fortune	Ugly Betty (N)	Grey's Anatomy	(02) Big Shots (N)	News (N)	News (N)			
(6)	News-Lehrer	Old House Hr.	Road Trip	Calif. Gold	Calif. Gold	Globe Trekker	Pioneers	Pioneers			
(8)	Paparazzi	Alma Gemela	Pelcula se Anunciara	Alma Gemela	Alma Gemela	Night Show	Night Show	Night Show			
(9)	News-Lehrer	Business	Check	Pioneers of Television	The Boomer Century 1946-2046	e2	e2	e2			
(20)	Fresh Pr.	My Wife	Jim	Law Order: CI	News	Jim	Married...	Reno 911!			
(38)	Still Strnd	70s Show	News (N)	TMZ (N)	Cops	Cops	Seinfeld	70s Show	Frasier	Frasier	TMZ
(40)	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Two Men	Raymond	You Smarter?	Don't Forget the Lyrics!	News (N)	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Two Men
(44)	Lopez	Simpsons	Simpsons	Two Men	Smallville "Blue"	Supernatural	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Two Men
(50)	The Insider	Entertain	Still Strnd	Still Strnd	Raymond	Raymond	Frasier	Frasier	The Insider	Entertain	Blind Date
CABLE CHANNELS											
A&E	Cold Case Files	CSI: Miami	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48 (N)	Justice	Justice			
AMC	(5:00) Movie: "Sniper"	Breaking Bad "Pilot"	Movie: ★★ "Shattered"	(1991), Bob Hoskins	Breaking Bad "Pilot"	"Awaken"	"Awaken"	"Awaken"			
COM	(5:00) "Book of Love"	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert	Futurama	South Park	South Park	Drawn	Daily Show	Daily Show
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How-Made	How-Made	Survivorman	Survivorman	Survivorman	Survivorman	Survivorman	Survivorman	MythBust
DISN	Montana	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	Movie: "Jump In!"	(2007) "NR"	So Raven	So Raven	Life Derek	Suite Life	Suite Life
ESPN	Winter X-Games From Aspen, Colo. (Live)	SportsCenter (Live)	NFL Live	Gamenight	SportsCenter (Live)	NFL Live	Gamenight	SportsCenter (Live)	SportsCenter (Live)	SportsCenter (Live)	SportsCenter (Live)
FAM	8 Rules	8 Rules	Grounded	Movie: ★★ "Pleasantville"	(1998) Tobey Maguire.	Funnest Home Videos	Funnest Home Videos	Funnest Home Videos	Funnest Home Videos	Funnest Home Videos	700 Club
FSB	Hockey	Knockouts	Shark Byte	NHL Hockey	St. Louis Blues at San Jose Sharks. (Live)	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Sports
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Still Strnd	Still Strnd	Reba	Reba	Movie: ★★ "Jersey Girl"	(2004)	Will-Grace	Will-Grace	Will-Grace
NICK	Drake	Drake	Zoey 101	School	SpongeBob	Drake	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.
SCI FI	Movie: ★★ "Atomic Twister"	(2002)	Movie: "Earthquake: Nature Unleashed"	(2004)	Twilight Z.	Twilight Z.	Twilight Z.	Twilight Z.	Twilight Z.	Twilight Z.	The X-Files
TBS	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Movie: ★★ "Without a Paddle"	(2004)	Sex & City	Sex & City	Sex & City
TNN	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	TNA IMPACT!	(N)	Pros Joes	Pros Joes	Pros Joes	Pros Joes	Pros Joes
TNT	NBA Basketball: Spurs at Heat	NBA Basketball: New Jersey Nets at Golden State Warriors.	Inside the NBA	Inside the NBA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU
USA	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Corner Gas	Becker	Funnest Home Videos	Funnest Home Videos	Funnest Home Videos	Funnest Home Videos	Wilkos
WGN	(5:00) ★★ "Dummy"	WGN News at Nine (N)	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs
PREMIUM CHANNELS											
HBO	(4:00) "King Kong"	Leopards/Man.	Inside the NFL	REAL Sports	The Wire	Hookers	Hookers	Hookers	Hookers	Hookers	Hookers
MAX	"Exiled"	Movie: ★★ "Darkman"	(1990)	(15) Movie: ★★ "Crackerjack"	(1994) "R"	Movie: "The Good Shepherd"	"R"	Movie: "The Good Shepherd"	"R"	Movie: "The Good Shepherd"	"R"
SHOW	(5:45) Movie: "Last Holiday"	(2006)	"Larry the Cable Guy"	(15) Movie: ★★ "Clerks II"	(2006) ITV. "R"	L Word	L Word	L Word	L Word	L Word	L Word

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

COUNTY OF MENDOCINO
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
CONTRACT NO. 070061
Sealed proposals will be received by the Purchasing Agent of the County of Mendocino, State of California, until the hour of 2:00 o'clock P.M. on the 21 February, , 2008 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the office of the Purchasing Agent of the General Services Department of the County of Mendocino, 841 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, California 95482 (telephone 707-463-4291) for construction in accordance with the Plans of Specifications to which special reference is made as follows:
COUNTY OF MENDOCINO, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
2006 STORM DAMAGE REPAIRS ON
MENDOCINO PASS ROAD, CR 338, M.P.5.20; M.P.5.75; M.P.6.11 AND M.P. 6.24 (COVELO AREA) IN MENDOCINO COUNTY
DOT CONTRACT NO. 070061
DOT PROJECT NO. F-0606.129;F-0606.130; F-0606.131 AND F-0606.136.
PLANS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT, 841 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, California 95482, upon payment of \$40.00 in company check, money order or the exact amount in cash. Please make a check or money order payable to COUNTY OF MENDOCINO. This payment is not refundable. This project has a goal of 5.1 percent Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation. THIS PROJECT IS SUBJECT TO THE "BUY AMERICA" PROVISIONS OF THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1982 AS AMENDED BY THE INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT OF 1991.
No pre-bid meeting is scheduled for this project.
Bids are required for the entire work described herein.
The prime Contractor for the work herein shall possess the following valid State of California licenses:
"A" - General Engineering or "C-12" - Earthwork and Paving at the time this Contract is awarded.
Bids are required for the entire work described herein:
ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

Item No.	Item Description (M.P.5.20)	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantity
1	Construction Area Signs	LS	1
2	Traffic Control System LS	1	
3	Develop Water Supply LS	1	
4	Temporary K-Rail	LF	60
5	Roadway Excavation CY		270
6	Class 3 Aggregate Base	TON	400
7	Asphalt Concrete (TYPE B)	LF	165
8	Preferated Plastic Pipe Outlet	LF	330
9	Non Preferated Plastic Underdrain	LF	40
10	Terminal Riser	LF	20
11	Rock Slope Protection (No. 1 Backing)	TON	4
12	A.C. Dike (Type A)	LF	330
13	Paint Traffic Stripe (4" White, 2 coats)	LF	700
14	Paint Traffic Stripe (4" Yellow, 2 coats)	LF	350
15	Mobilization	LS	1

Item No.

Item Description (MP. 5.75)

Unit of Measure

Estimated quantity

1	Construction area signs	LS	1
2	Traffic Control System LS	1	
3	Develop Water Supply LS	1	
4	Temporary K-Rail	LF	100
5	Roadway Excavation CY		535
6	Class 3 Aggregate Base	TON	690
7	Asphalt Concrete (Type B)	TON	280
8	Preferated Plastic Pipe Underdrain	LF	500
9	Non Preferated Plastic Pipe Outlet	LF	95
10	Terminal Riser	LF	40
11	Rock Slope Protection (No. 1 Backing)	TON	8
12	Paint Traffic Stripe (4" White, 2 coats)	LF	1080
13	Paint Traffic Strip (4" Yellow, 2 coats)	LF	560
14	Culvert Cleanout	LS	1
15	Mobilization	LS	1

Item No.

Item Description (M.P.6.11)

Unit of Measure

Estimated Quantity

1	Construction area signs	LS	1
2	Traffic Control System LS	1	
3	Develop Water Supply LS	1	
4	Temporary K-Rail	LF	60
5	Roadway Excavation CY		185
6	Class 3 Aggregate Base	TON	280
7	Asphalt Concrete (Type B)	TON	115
8	Preferated Plastic Pipe Underdrain	LF	160
9	Non Preferated Plastic Pipe Outlet	LF	40
10	Terminal Raiser	LF	20
11	Rock Slope Protection (No. 1 backing)	TON	4
12	Paint Traffic Stripe (4" White, 2 coats)	LF	490
13	Paint Traffic Stripe (4" Yellow, 2 coats)	LF	245
14	Mobilization	LS	1

Item No.

Item Description (M.P. 6.24)

Unit of Measure

Estimated Quantity

1	Construction area signs	LS	1
2	Traffic Control System LS	1	
3	Develop Water Supply LS	1	
4	Roadway Excavation CY		170
5	Class 3 Aggregate Base	TON	300
6	Asphalt Concrete (Type B)	TON	145
7	Asphalt Concrete Dike (Type B)	LF	275
8	Replace Guard Rail Post (Wood)	EA	6
9	Paint Traffic Stripe (4" White, 2 coats)	LF	550
10	Paint Traffic Stripe (4" Yellow, 2 coats)	LF	275
11	Mobilization	LS	1

The County of Mendocino hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration of the award.
Pursuant to the provisions in Section 1773 of the Labor Code of the State of California, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino has obtained from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations the general prevailing rate of wages, and the schedule of employer payments of health and welfare, vacation, pension and similar purposes in the County. Interested parties may review these wage rates and schedules at the Department of Transportation, 340 Lake Mendocino Drive, Ukiah, California. The successful Contractor shall obtain a copy of prevailing wage rates from the Engineer and shall post same at a prominent place at the job site.
For this contract the general prevailing rate of wages as ascertained by County shall be those in effect on the bid date. Future effective wage rates, which have been predetermined are on file with Department of Industrial Relations, are referenced in the published wage rates of the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations.
The County of Mendocino reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any defects or irregularity in bidding.
By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino.
Dated: 1-17-08
Kristi Furman
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Mendocino,
State of California
Clerk

1-17,24,31/08

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE AMENDING MENDOCINO COUNTY CODE SECTION 5.130.010 DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO INVEST TO COUNTY TREASURER FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2008

This Ordinance amends section 5.130.010 of the Mendocino County Code delegating authority to the County Treasurer-Tax Collector to invest or reinvest County funds, and funds of other depositors, for the Calendar Year 2008.

The proposed ordinance is scheduled for adoption on February 5, 2008.

A complete copy of the ordinance is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and is available for inspection and copying as a public record.

KRISTI FURMAN
Clerk of the Board

051-08

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No. GM-116934-V Loan No. 0600882941 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/10/2003. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. TRUSTOR:PAUL E. MCMANUS AND JENNIFER S. MCMANUS, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded 10/20/2003 as Instrument No. 2003-28028 in Book -, page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Mendocino County, California, Date of Sale: 2/6/2008 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the Mendocino County Courthouse, 100 North State Street, Ukiah, California Property Address is purported to be: 2050 BURKE RD UKIAH, CA 95482 APN #: 181-121-08-00 The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of initial publication of this notice is \$220,393.72, which includes the total amount of the unpaid balance (including accrued and unpaid interest) and reasonable estimated costs, expenses, and advances at the time of initial publication of this notice. Date: 1/7/2008 EXECUTIVE TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, California 91504-3120 Sale Line: 714-259-7850 Beatriz Osorio, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER ASAP# 967777 01/10/2008, 01/17/2008, 01/24/2008.

1-24/08

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE OF THE UKIAH VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 29 (SEWER LATERAL TESTING) AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE DEFINITIONS USED IN THE SEWER ORDINANCE AND TO THE REPLACEMENT OR REPAIR OF SEWER LATERALS

The proposed ordinance, if adopted, would repeal Ordinance No. 29 in its entirety, and establish a new ordinance for sewer lateral testing and the replacement and repair of sewer laterals.

The proposed ordinance is scheduled for adoption by the Ukiah Valley Sanitation District on January 30, 2008.

A complete copy of the ordinance is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and is available for inspection and copying as a public record.

KRISTI FURMAN
Clerk of the Board

017-08

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. SCUK CVPT '07 50655
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF MENDOCINO, Court House, Ukiah, CA 95482
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: KEVIN AGUILAR
THE COURT FINDS that Petitioner(s) LUCIO AGUILAR AND HILDA GARCIA has/have filed a Petition for Change of Applicant(s)' name FROM KEVIN AGUILAR TO KEVIN AGUILAR-GARCIA
THE COURT ORDERS All people interested in this matter appear before this court to show cause why this application for change of name should not be granted on:
HEARING DATE: Feb. 8, 2008 at time a.m. in Dept E, located at Court House, 100 N. State Street, Ukiah, California 95482
Dated: Jan. 2, 2007
/s/John A. Behnke
JOHN A. BEHNKE
Judge of the Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE

007-08

1-3,10,17,24/08

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2007-F0823
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS:
FOURSLIGHT WINES INC./FOURSLIGHT
3151 Hwy 128 (PO Box 66) Philo, CA 95466
Milla Handley GP 185 Holmes Ranch Rd (PO Box 66) Philo, CA 95466
Rex McClellan 185 Holmes Ranch Rd (PO Box 66) Philo, CA 95466
This business is conducted by a Limited Partnership. The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on December 13, 2007. Endorsed-Filed on 12/17/2007. at the Mendocino County Clerks Office. /s/Milla Handley MILLA HANDLEY

PUBLIC NOTICE

008-08

1-3,10,17,24/08

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2007-F0824
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS:
HARMONIQUE 3151 Hwy 128 (PO Box 66) Philo, CA 95466
Milla Handley GP 185 Holmes Ranch Rd (PO Box 66) Philo, CA 95466
Rex McClellan 185 Holmes Ranch Rd (PO Box 66) Philo, CA 95466
usiness is conducted by a Limited Partnership. The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on December 13, 2007. Endorsed-Filed on 12/17/2007. at the Mendocino County Clerks Office. /s/Milla Handley MILLA HANDLEY

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022-08

1-10,14,24,31/08

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2008-F0838
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS:
SAM'S DIESEL AND AUTO REPAIR 4300 north State St. Ukiah, CA 95482
Samuel Gamez 25225 Poppy Drive Willits, CA 95490
Jeffrey L. Thomas 370 Fort Bragg Rd. Willits, CA 95490
This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 21, 2007. Endorsed-Filed on Dec. 26, 2007 at the Mendocino County Clerks Office. /s/Jeffrey L. Thomas JEFFREY L. THOMAS

PUBLIC NOTICE

037-08

1-17,24,31,2-7/08

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2008-F0017
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS:
MILL CREEK LAND-SCAPING 2400 Mill Creek Rd/ 4410 First Ave Ukiah, CA 95482
MILL CREEK NURSERY INC 2400 Mill Creek Rd Ukiah, CA 95482
This business is conducted by a Corporation. State of incorporation: California. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2-1-2008. Endorsed-Filed on 01/07/2008 at the Mendocino County Clerks Office. /s/Fred Turri FRED TURRI CEO/PRES

PUBLIC NOTICE

039-08

1-17,24,31,2-7/08

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2008-F0032
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS:
THE HAIR COMPANY 367 N. State St. Ukiah, CA 95482
Grace Barrett Levy 509 W. Mill St. Ukiah, CA 95482
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2008. Endorsed-Filed on Jan. 14, 2008 at the Mendocino County Clerks Office. /s/Grace Barrett Levy GRACE BARRETT LEVY

120 HELP WANTED

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CONTROL

\$60k - \$80k for Mendocino Community Health Clinic (MCHC), a N/P federally qualified health ctr w/\$18m budget & multiple sites in Mendocino & Lake Co. Will provide daily management of all acctng functions. Directly supervises staff of 7. Must possess at least B.S. in Business Admin. with a concentration in acctng. w/5yr+ exp. to incl. supervision. Health Care exp +l MCHC offers exc. comp/bfts pkg. For immed.consideration, send resume w/cover ltr. to HR Dept-MCHC 333 Laws Avenue Ukiah, CA 95482 Fax: (707) 468-0793 Email: skennay@mchcinc.org EEOE

30 LOST & FOUND

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Have you been out walking in the pear orchards in this beautiful weather? I was taking that walk on Ruddick/Cunningham on 1/17 and just enjoying the spring-like breeze in my hair. I am a male Cairn Terrier type and now I am in the Ukiah Shelter at 298 Plant Rd. Do you recognize me? If so call Sage 467-6453 or I will be free to be adopted on 1/23.

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COYOTE VALLEY BAND OF POMO INDIANS is looking for qualified individual to fill the following position: TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR

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Food concession worker Five Star Enterprises (5) temp openings 4/25/08 to 10/31/08. Travel to: Ukiah, Merced Cty, Calaveras Cty, Sacramento Cty, Isleton, Sonoma, Eureka, Alameda Cty, Napa Cty, Lakeport, Auburn, Lodi, Mendocino Cty, Fresno. Transportation provided to events. Duties: Take & deliver customer orders; prep & cook simple foods; clean dishes & equipment. Entry level position. 10am-8pm. 40 hrs/wk \$8/hr OT varies \$12/hr. Send resume or letter of qualification to: Five Star Enterprises, job #213050T, AMC, H2-B Program, PO Box 826880 MIC 50, Sacramento, CA 94280-0001

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Tapestry Family Services
Foster parent recruitment, training & support. 20hrs/wk. Req. strong comm. PR & org. skills. Great team, exc. bene. Sal neg DOE. 463-3300, ext 101 for app. Apply by 1/31/08

Full Time Caregiver, mental health facility. PT Various shifts \$8-\$10/hr. 467-0911

**120 HELP
WANTED**

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The world briefly

Pact on emergency economy rescue nearer as negotiations go into the night

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pushing deficit concerns aside, Democratic and Republican leaders moved closer to agreement with the White House Wednesday night on emergency tax cuts and benefit increases to jolt the economy out of its slump, including opening new financing windows for some home loans. Congressional leaders were to negotiate into the evening with Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, underscoring the urgency of the effort.

Lawmakers learned during the day that the government's deficit already would swell to \$250 billion this year because of

falling corporate tax revenues — then they signaled they were willing to balloon it higher by more than \$100 billion with a stimulus package. As they met behind closed doors, Wall Street defined volatility, dropping again for most of the day before soaring to a big gain just before closing. The Dow Jones industrials ended the day up just under 300 points.

The federal deficit, which has been dropping in recent years, could reach \$379 billion for 2008 — more than twice last year's red ink — once the costs of the economic rescue measures are factored in, said House Budget Committee Chairman John Spratt Jr., D-S.C.

Palestinians cross into Egypt through border fence blown up by militants

RAFAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — On foot, in cars and in donkey carts, tens of thousands of Gazans flooded into Egypt on Wednesday through a border fence blown up by militants — puncturing a gaping hole in Israel's airtight closure of the Gaza Strip and giving a boost to Hamas.

In a shopping spree that was both festive and frenzied, Gazans cleared out stores in an Egyptian border town, buying up everything from TV sets to soft drinks to cigarettes.

As waves of people swarmed through the destroyed barrier — some estimated the crowd in the hundreds of thousands — Egyptian security forces lined up on one side of the border and Hamas forces lined up on the other side. None of them interfered in any way, and it appeared Hamas militants actively participated in the border breach.

That breach, though likely temporary, seemed certain to

strengthen Hamas in its showdown with Israel, the West and its Fatah rivals — relieving some of the pain of an international blockade of the Gaza Strip following Hamas' violent takeover of the coastal territory in June.

It also raised Israeli fears of an influx of weapons and militants to Gaza and threatened to undermine crucial Egyptian participation in a Mideast peace push by President Bush.

Army proposal would cut soldiers' war tours from 15 months to 12 months

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soldiers' battlefield tours would be cut from 15 months to 12 months beginning Aug. 1, under a proposal being considered by the Army as part of an effort to reduce the stress on a force battered by more than six years at war. The proposal, recommended by U.S. Army Forces Command, is being reviewed by senior Army and Pentagon leaders, and would be contingent on the changing needs for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Our top priority is going to be meeting the combatant commanders' requirements, so there may be no decision until we get more clarity on that," Army Col. Edward Gibbons, chief of the command's plans division, said Wednesday. He said the goal was to meet those demands while still reducing soldiers' deployments and increasing their time at home between tours.

Gen. George Casey, chief of staff of the Army, has been pushing to move back to one-year deployments, citing the heavy burden that the 15-month stays put on troops and their families. Just last week he hinted the shorter tours could begin this summer.

Water

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director.

Sanford said any change that reduces the amount of water that can be diverted out of streams could force water users closer to sources of groundwater and major rivers, such as the Russian River and the Navarro River.

"There are some really long range, far reaching land use issues connected with this policy that the board has not considered," Sanford said.

Kanter said it was not clear what changes might take place under the draft policy because the board has not adopted it. The policy will not come under consideration by the board until after the 45-day public comment period ends Feb. 19.

"They have the right to change what comes before them," she said.

The draft policy has come under fire from some organizations because of its length and complexity.

According to a letter from the California Farm Bureau,

the policy is 800 pages long, not counting the environmental compliance document. The bureau also said many who would be affected have not received notice of the policy and are having difficulty understanding how individual diverters of water will be affected.

"How can the public be expected to fully understand the policy and meaningfully comment in only 45 days," the bureau said in the letter. "The public needs more time."

The Farm Bureau is asking the state water board to schedule a public workshop so that water board staff can further explain the impacts of the policy and to allow the public to ask questions.

The Farm Bureau is also asking the state water board to cancel the Feb. 19 deadline and extend the public comment period.

Sanford said the Mendocino County Water Agency is going before the Board of Supervisors at its Feb. 5 meeting to ask the board to request a similar extension.

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"There was a little bit of snow on the grade, but I don't believe it was ever closed," said CHP Public Affairs Officer Randy England.

Midday warmups helped to melt away much of the accumulation and keep the road open, but the NWS forecast is calling for more of the same rainy conditions and cold temperatures through Friday.

"We are generally continuing with the rain," said NWS meteorologist Arlena Moses. The system off the Bay at the moment is bringing rain and

cold temperatures, and another system coming from the north will increase our chances later this week. The forecast is basically calling for more rain."

Moses said snow levels will begin to rise throughout the week with accumulations expected at 2,000 to 2,500 feet through Friday. Drivers traveling through the mountains should be prepared for cold temperatures and slippery driving conditions.

Temperatures are expected to increase this weekend, and will keep the snow at bay as snow levels return to more than 3,000 feet.

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